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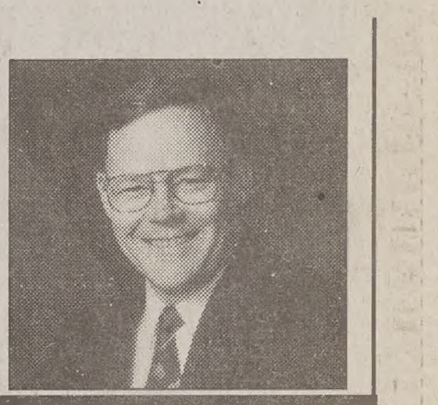

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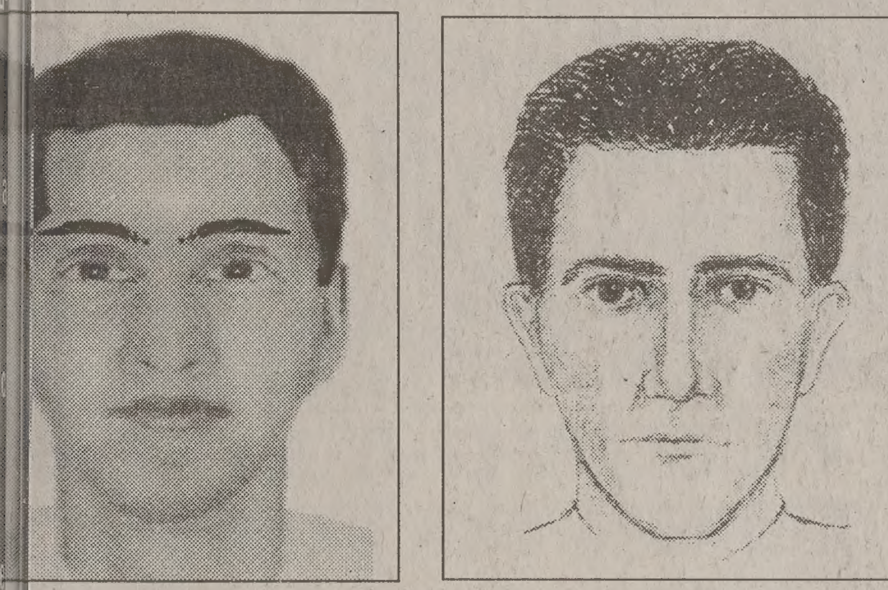

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Universe Staff Writers

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an is described as being 5 ches tall with a slim build, olice said. He has a dark xion, possibly Hispanic or Eastern. He had "mission- hair and no facial hair," said DuVal of the Provo police division. The suspect was light-colored pants and a o-style shirt.

revious Sunday, Nov. 23, a student reported that she fronted by a man in a light- suit, said Sgt. Bob Eyre of U police crime prevention

an put his hands on her ers and asked her if she remembered him. She said no, pushed him away and ran into the Karl G. Maeser Building. That incident and the Sunday rape both occurred in the early evening.

The Nov. 23 incident was classified as a case of "mistaken identity," said Lt. Greg Barber of the University Police administrative services division.

A person is not arrested for making a mistake, Barber said. But it was treated as suspicious activity, and the police responded when the victim called them. The police searched the area and questioned people. They did not find anyone who fit the description.

The man in the Nov. 23 incident and the man in Sunday's rape have been described with similar height, weight and complexion characteristics. Police are treating the suspects as the same person. They are hoping someone saw something that will help the investigation.

Both women were walking alone in the evening. The police departments have suggestions for avoiding a confrontation.

"Lighting is the number one deterrent to crime," Eyre said. Therefore students should avoid walking in dark places.

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Provo businesses burned

Fires cause $1 million in damage

By STEVE HALL
Universe Staff Writer and
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Associate World/National Editor

Two early morning fires scorched one Provo business, gutted another and caused more than $1 million in damage Monday.

The Provo City Fire Department responded to a report of smoke at 3:55 a.m. Monday morning at Cotton Tree Square, 2230 N. University Ave. in Provo.

Two Provo fire stations were called to the scene. Provo City firefighter Brent Tew said it wasn't until the fire department arrived at the site three minutes later that firefighters realized the intensity of the blaze.

"When we arrived, the full front of the building was fully enveloped in smoke," he said. "Smoke was coming from every window and (from) the roof structure. The smoke was so thick we couldn't see the flames."

The fire's intensity required firefighters to call in off-duty help as well as firefighters from the Orem Fire Department.

In all, four engines and 40 firefighters fought to contain the blaze, according to a news release.

But despite the effort firefighters made to save the building, Tew said it was not likely the building could be saved.

"It's close to a total loss," Tew said. "This (was) a big fire for Provo, and the fire had from one to two hours of burn time before we were notified."

The Provo City Fire Department estimated the damage at $600,000 for the building and $400,000 in lost equipment and supplies.

Michelle Amberg of Management Recruiters, one of the businesses in the building, said the news of the fire was alarming.

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Firefighters look over the damage at Cotton Tree Square, 2230 N. University Ave. in Provo, caused by one of two early Monday morning fires. Forty firefighters fought the fires, but to no avail. According to officials, the two blazes and water caused more than $1 million worth of damage.

"I was stunned and shocked," Amberg said. "You just don't think that something like that can happen."

Although the cause of the fire is still under investigation, Tew said they suspect the fire was started by the building's furnace.

"People use furnace areas as storage closets," Tew said. "If they had anything in there that could catch fire, it's possible (the fire) started there."

The building housed at least 11 businesses and had no fire alarm or sprinkler system.

Provo City firefighters also responded to a suspected arson at Wallpaper Warehouse, 1700 N. State in Provo, at 8:23 a.m. Monday.

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Arriving at the scene, firefighters found the front door smashed and the remains of four separate fires. The sprinkling system had already doused the flames, but not before they caused about $5,000 damage.

But the majority of the damage did not come from the fire. Capt. Kevin Gildea of the Provo City Fire Department said most of the damage was caused by water.

"When we entered the site, we found about three inches of water on the floor and evidence of fire in several locations throughout the business," Gildea said. "The fire was out before we arrived, but the sprinklers were still on."

Officials estimated the damage to be around $100,000, according to a news release.

Store manager Crystal Chadwick said fires were started in the restroom, in a floral arrangement and in two other areas of the store. Since the damage is so extensive, she said, reopening depends on the final damage assessment.

"We don't know (when we'll open)," Chadwick said. "Hopefully it will be a couple of days, but if the damage is extensive, maybe a week. We may lose up to $5,000 a day in lost revenue. It's a nice way to come back from a vacation."

Officials do not suspect any connection between the two fires.

No injuries were reported in either incident.

tahns dedicate plaque

y JENN BEARY
Universe Staff Writer

the cold wind and rain kept idents from recognizing DS Day Monday. About 20 athered outside the Provo ity Church to dedicate a those who have died of Utah County.

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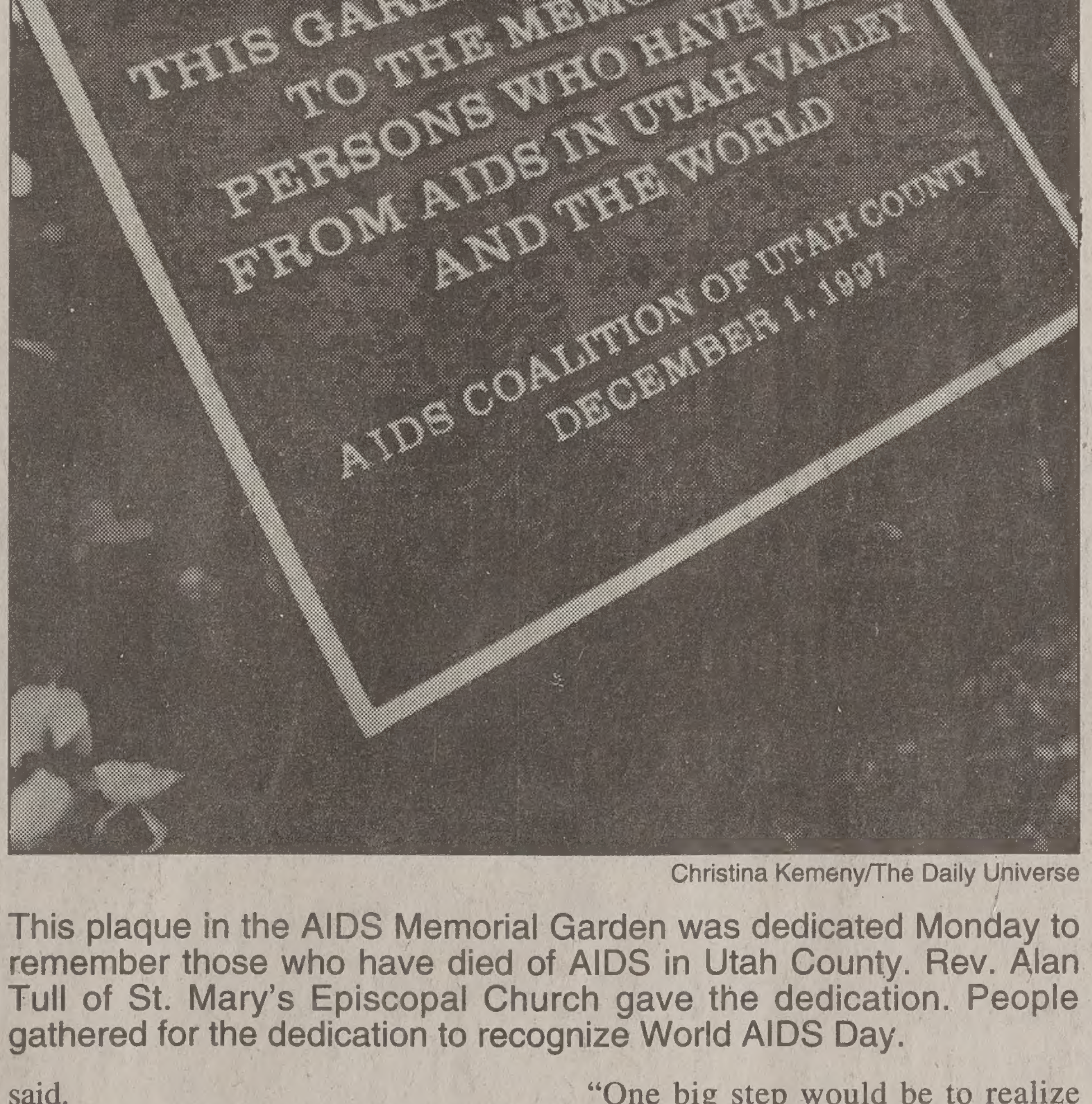

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This plaque in the AIDS Memorial Garden was dedicated Monday to remember those who have died of AIDS in Utah County. Rev. Alan Tull of St. Mary's Episcopal Church gave the dedication. People gathered for the dedication to recognize World AIDS Day.

Clark Swenson, coordinator of HIV and AIDS Services at the Utah County Health Department, said other diseases are more common than AIDS, but AIDS usually affects people at a young age.

Parents who have lost their children to AIDS were among those attending the ceremony.

Kevin Hinds, a BYU student, feels students should get involved and educate themselves about AIDS.

"One big step would be to realize that the disease can affect anybody, and there are people at BYU with AIDS — not a lot of people, but they do exist," he said. "For myself, I knew that I was ignorant of the disease. I had known people with the disease, but I didn't know much about it, so I decided to get involved."

Those interested in finding out more information about AIDS and ways to help can contact the Utah AIDS Foundation at 1-800-865-5004.

FTC gets tough with 'Made in USA' label

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under fire from Capitol Hill and organized labor, the Federal Trade Commission decided Monday that products bearing the "Made in USA" label must be produced almost entirely with U.S. labor and materials.

To meet the challenges of a global economy, the commission proposed in May that companies could use the label if a product had more than a small amount of foreign content and labor. Under that proposal, merchandise with as little as 75 percent U.S. parts would be eligible.

The commission suggested that easing the standard would give American manufacturers the flexibility to compete globally while ensuring consumers were not deceived.

The proposal was broadly criticized by government officials and organized labor. They argued it would encourage corporations to send jobs overseas.

The attorney generals of 16 states jointly asked that the "Made in USA" label be allowed only on products with at least 90 percent U.S. content.

"Any lower standard would unreasonably dilute this longstanding symbol of American pride and craftsmanship," they contended.

The FTC also said most of more than 1,000 written comments strongly supported the 50-year-old standard. Monday, the FTC voted 4-0 to continue requiring that claims of U.S. origin be substantiated by evidence that a product is "all or virtually all" made in the United States.

"This is a victory for American workers and consumers," said Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., who introduced a bill that would put Congress on record as opposing any change in the standard.

"It appears that we got the FTC's attention," he said.

The decision came after two years of study.

"The overwhelming response to our request for public comment ... convinced us that when consumers see a 'Made in USA' label, they expect and want it to mean just that," said Jodie Bernstein, director of the FTC's Consumer Protection Bureau.

U.S. offers new energy plan

Associated Press

KYOTO, Japan — After two years of preliminaries, the world's governments got down to the final critical round of negotiations Monday on controlling energy use in the 21st century to protect the planet against global warming.

In what promises to be 10 days of hard bargaining, the United States opened the bidding with a surprise shift of position that cheered Japan, dismayed Europe and put environmentalists on a green alert.

The Kyoto conference was convened to strengthen the 1992 Climate Change Treaty by setting legally binding targets for reducing industrial nations' emissions of carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse" gases linked to global warming. If it succeeds, it will set the energy course for much of the world for decades to come, helping change what we drive, how we produce electricity, even what we feed our cattle.

"These 10 days could change the history of humankind," Japan's foreign minister, Keizo Obuchi, said in welcoming negotiators from 150 countries.

The more than 2,000 delegates first must reconcile an array of differing positions on a long list of complex issues, chief among them the size of emissions reductions.

The plan Washington has offered is the most conservative on the table.

While some governments favor reducing the industrial world's emissions by as much as 20 percent below 1990 levels as early as 2005, President Clinton has proposed cutbacks only to, not below, 1990 levels, and only as of 2012.

Soon after Monday's ceremonial opening of the Kyoto sessions, U.S. delegate Melinda Kimble announced a change: The United States would consider "differentiation," setting different target levels for different countries instead of a uniform rate among the 34 affected nations.

The Japanese delegation quickly expressed its satisfaction. It has favored setting a range of target levels geared not to a country's gross emissions but, for example, to per-capita emissions, a measure that might favor an energy-efficient country like Japan.

The European Union, which proposes a flat reduction of 15 percent among industrial countries, saw a possible ploy.

Delegate Pierre Gramegna of Luxembourg called the American shift toward differentiation "flexibility in the wrong direction ... We get the impression the game is to find ever more loopholes."

The Europeans fear the United States is maneuvering for a deal whereby it would have to reduce emissions less than Europe would.

They noted that Kimble in her opening remarks also drew attention to a new Russian plan to accept essentially whatever targets governments set for themselves.

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Moon, 8 planets to line up this week

MIAMI — The moon and eight of the planets will be lined up in the sky this week "like pearls on a string" in a sight that won't be visible again from Earth for at least another century.

"It's quite beautiful — an exquisite grouping of the moon and planets," said Jack Horkheimer, executive director of the Miami Space Transit Planetarium and host of the public television program "Star Hustler." "This is naked-eye astronomy at its best," he said.

Beginning last night and continuing through Dec. 8, the planets will appear in the southwestern sky in a line slanting upward from the horizon. From west to east, Pluto will be followed by Mercury, Mars, Venus, Neptune, Uranus, Jupiter and Saturn, with a crescent moon alongside.

Mercury, Mars, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn will be visible to the naked eye, with Venus and Jupiter by far the brightest. A good pair of binoculars will be needed to see the small blue dots that are Uranus and Neptune. Pluto will be visible only by telescope.

The planets will be similarly aligned in May 2000, but they will be so close to the sun that they won't all be visible from Earth.

FBI investigating cut wires on plane

CHICAGO — A commuter airline tightened security Monday after wires connected to a plane's backup braking system were severed.

FBI agents and investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration were trying to determine if the five wires on the 64-passenger plane had been deliberately cut, said FBI spokesman Bob Long.

Over the weekend, an FAA official who spoke on condition of anonymity told The Associated Press that the wires were not frayed and it appeared that wire cutters had been used.

The severed wires were discovered Saturday during normal maintenance on the British Aerospace ATP twin-engine turboprop flown by Chicago-based United Feeder Service. The plane had arrived at O'Hare Airport the day before from South Bend, Ind.

American accused of spying in Russia

MOSCOW — An American businessman detained by intelligence agents in southern Russia last week is being held on suspicion of espionage, the Federal Security Service said Monday.

Richard L. Bliss, a U.S. national working for an American communications company, was detained Nov. 25 in the Rostov region, security service spokesman Boris Kostenko said.

The regional office of the security service has opened criminal proceedings against Bliss on charges of espionage, Kostenko said.

According to the Federal Security Service, Bliss was found using special satellite receivers to gather information from restricted sites in the cities of Rostov and Bataysk.

The Federal Security Service spokesman said Bliss was found to be taking land surveys of sensitive sites using satellite transmitters that are not allowed to be brought into Russia.

Canadian judge rules mercy killing OK

BATTLEFORD, Saskatchewan — A judge ruled Monday that a father should receive a more lenient sentence than required by law for the murder of his severely disabled daughter. He then sentenced the father to two years in prison.

Robert Latimer insisted he killed his 12-year-old daughter as an act of mercy. He was convicted last month of second-degree murder, which carries a minimum sentence of life without a chance of parole for 10 years.

Citing jurors' statements that even the minimum sentence would be unjust, Latimer had asked Judge Ted Noble to strike down the sentence as constitutionally prohibited cruel and unusual punishment.

Latimer admitted carrying his sleeping daughter out to the cab of his pickup truck in October 1993, and then piping in carbon monoxide until she died.

He said he acted to end the suffering of his daughter, who had cerebral palsy and had had repeated operations on her back, hips and legs.

Unable to walk, talk or feed herself, the girl weighed less than 40 pounds at death.

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He also recommended students should walk with someone else — even a home teacher.

"There is always safety in numbers," DuVal said.

A few BYU wards have set up programs where women can call members of the Elders Quorum to accompany them at any time and to any given destination, said Mike Duff, a junior from Paul, Idaho, majoring in construction management.

He lives near the scene of Sunday's rape and said he sees people walking alone at late hours all the time.

"Don't be afraid to ask someone for help. I don't know a single guy that wouldn't be willing to walk with someone or give someone a ride," Duff said.

If a person needs someone to walk with, they can always call Safewalk. Safewalk is a program sponsored by the University Police and Student Life.

Safewalk was started last year to provide an officer escort anywhere on campus. The service is available from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The University Police respond to three to five calls each night to escort students. Two student security officers are usually sent, who will escort the person anywhere on campus.

"Our purpose is to provide security to the student body and faculty," Eyre said. "Students should not be afraid to use the emergency phones." The University Police is available 24 hours a day.

Eyre said there are not a lot of reported attacks that actually occur on campus. DuVal said the recent circumstances are unusual.

"BYU is one of the safest campuses in the United States," Eyre said. But that does not mean there is no risk factor. To minimize future occurrences, students need to minimize chances.

Student Life and the University Police have ad campaigns to remind students to be careful. While occurrences may be rare, they do happen.

"The main thing is to trust your instincts. Listen to your gut feeling — and act on it," said Mindy Woodhouse, a Rape-Crisis Team coordinator.

"Stay out of secluded areas," Woodhouse said. That is the safest and smartest precaution.

If anyone has any information about the suspect pictured in the composite, please call the University Police at 378-4051.

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American negotiator Mark Hambley told reporters the United States has not settled on criteria for establishing differing targets. It "demands further exploration," he said.

"It's a significant development in the negotiations," said Alden Meyer of the Union of Concerned Scientists, an American group. Now, he said, all depends "on where the other shoe drops" — that is, how U.S. negotiators define differentiation.

Whatever the final targets, the "Kyoto Protocol" is expected to merel
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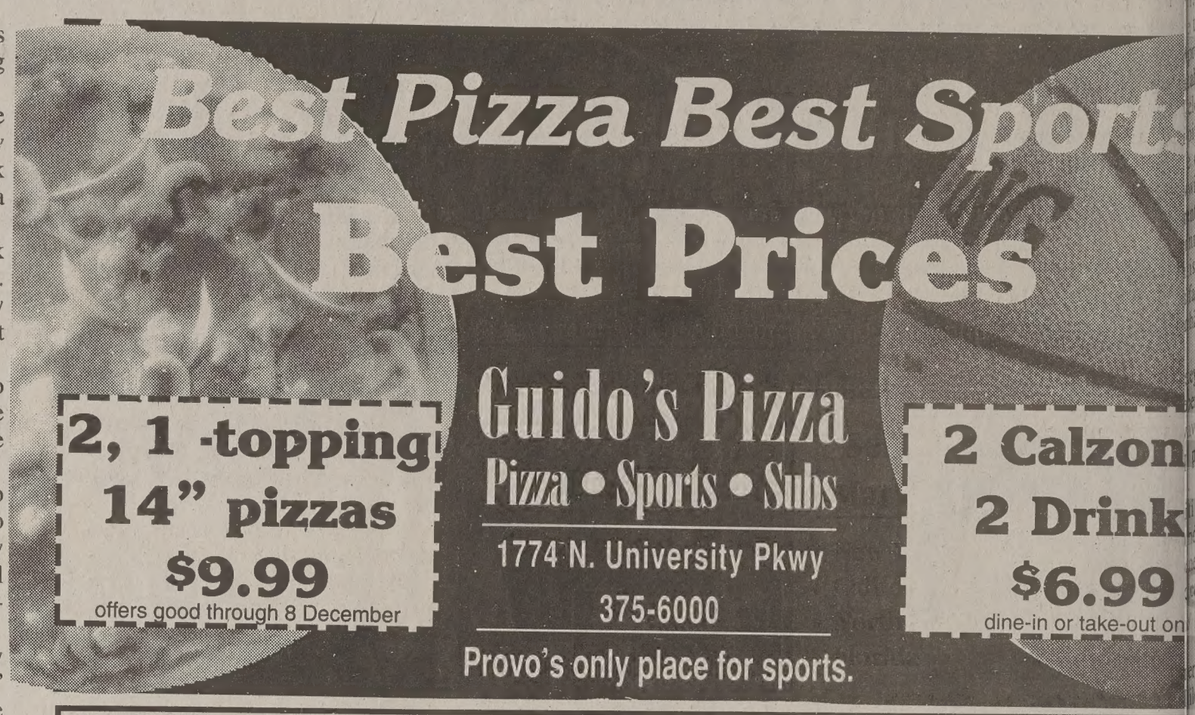

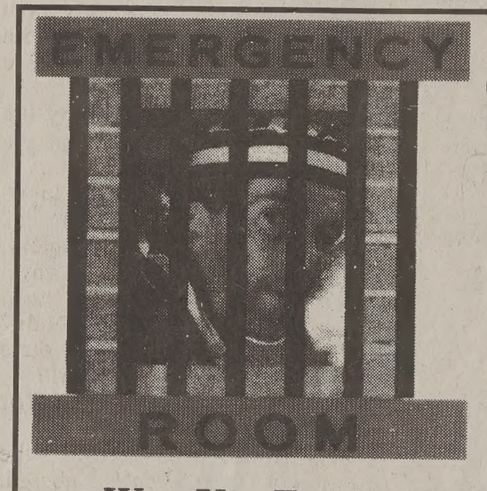

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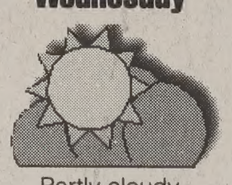
High 39 as of Low 34 5 p.m.		
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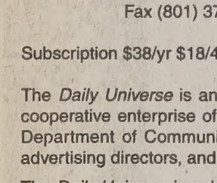
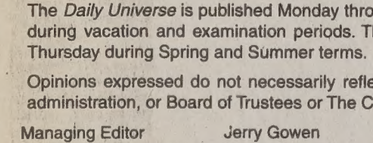


"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

— Joshua 24:15



Jennifer Anderson likes this scripture because "it reminds me that we need to serve the Lord to our highest ability and to choose to serve him willingly." Anderson is a freshman from Folsom, Calif., majoring in political science.

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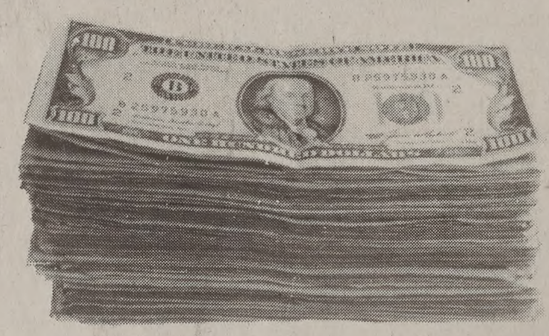

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Most potentially harmful toys can be avoided long before Christmas. The time to stop an emergency room visit is before the shopping begins, he said.

The most important part of shopping for a child is toy selection. The Safety Council urges toy buyers to look for "safety buzz words" when purchasing gifts.

"Parents should look for words on the packages like nontoxic, flame resistant and flame retardant," Parenti said.

The USC news release said the UL label should be on any item that plugs into an electrical outlet. The Underwriters Laboratory performs stringent safety tests on all toys that have its label.

Several toys have been listed as dangerous this year by CNN news. A list of these toys can be found on the network's homepage at CNN.com. These problem toys are the exception.

"Most toys in this country are safe, but they may not be safe for all ages," Parenti said.

Toy stores are aware of possible safety problems. Parents who have questions about a particular toy should talk to clerks or managers at the stores.

This year Parenti hopes the message will get through to all parents. The goal is to have children playing at home rather than spending the day in the hospital this Christmas.

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Associated Press

NGTON — The online ...roping to keep government ... in at bay, promised Monday ... to help parents keep ...ut away from their kids.

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Associated Press

DENVER — Upbeat and optimistic, the paralyzed victim of a racially motivated shooting smiled and waved at television cameras and reporters Monday as she was moved from her hospital.

"They ain't stopped me from here up," Jeannie VanVelkinburgh said, placing her hand just above her stomach. "Maybe from here down."

VanVelkinburgh, 36, has been hospitalized since Nov. 19. That day, she was shot in the back while attempting to help a West African immigrant, Oumar Dia, 38, who was shot to death at a Denver bus stop.

She said she feels anger, not hate, for the man accused of shooting her. Asked about her role as a Samaritan, she said she would "do it all over again."

"And I'll do it in a wheelchair, if I have to, because you are supposed to take care of folks," she said.

VanVelkinburgh was transferred on Monday to Craig Hospital in Englewood, where she will learn new skills.

Her mental attitude needs only a little attention, she concedes.

She has emotionally broken down just once, "because I knew I was paralyzed, and it hit me. I've cried a lot ... and I'm fixin' to cry now."

"But I'm going to do all right because I have self-esteem. My mom gave it to me," she said. "I'm on a mission. I'm going to go somewhere and learn to do things for myself."

She has been encouraged by the outpouring of support from people she doesn't know.

"Folks are always coming up to me and shaking my hand and telling me that they wouldn't have been able to do what I do. And I don't know why.

"I mean, if you have self-esteem, why can't you go help somebody? Why pass them up? That's why there is so much crime in the world — because they don't stick up for nobody," she said.

Nathan Thill, 19, was arrested in the shootings of Dia and VanVelkinburgh. Thill and a companion, Jeremiah Barnum, were charged with first-degree murder, first-degree assault, robbery and ethnic intimidation.

Thill later told television reporters he didn't want to live in a world with blacks.

While she is angry at her assailant, she believes his family members are good people. "I know his parents got to be feeling very bad about now," she said.

"I'm going to have new friends in wheelchairs. But it's going to be OK," she said. "I can sit up. I can dress myself. I can roll over. I take care of things — personal and private.

"And I want to take care of myself — all by myself."

VanVelkinburgh has set a healthy and tough agenda for herself.

She wants a high school diploma so she can become a physical therapist. She never learned to drive and she wants to now.

VanVelkinburgh's neurosurgeon, Dr. Kerry E. Brega, said there is almost no possibility her patient will ever walk again because the bullet severed her spinal cord and is still lodged in her spine.

Brega praised VanVelkinburgh's spirit, attitude and courage as she accompanied her to an ambulance for the transfer to Craig. They promised to visit each other again.

The shooting was the second in Denver in less than two weeks that was linked to white supremacists. Denver policeman Bruce VanderJagt, 47, was gunned down Nov. 12 by Mattheaus Jaehnig, a member of a group called the Denver Skins.

Jaehnig had led police on a car chase following a burglary west of Denver. He killed himself with VanderJagt's gun.

In another incident, a black woman accused six skinheads of making racial slurs and attacking her at a Denver convenience store on Thanksgiving Day. Shomie Francis, 26, was treated for cuts on her face by paramedics called to the 7-Eleven store north of downtown Denver.

Five adults and one juvenile are being held for investigation of ethnic intimidation.

Police have filed their reports with the Denver district attorney, who will decide whether charges will be filed, Denver detective Virginia Lopez said.

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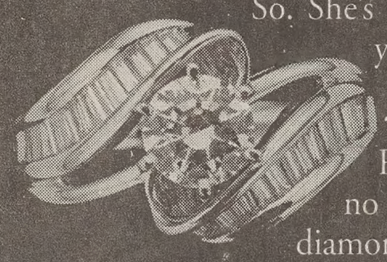

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Daily Universe

OPINION

Rape victim tells story

Editor's note: The following is a letter written by a BYU student who was raped Sunday evening. Her name has been withheld, but The Daily Universe believes her message is vital and may help prevent other rapes.

I was attacked and raped at 6 p.m. Sunday. Church ends at 4 p.m., and I felt like being alone for a while, so I stayed on campus until just after dark. Then I walked toward home. I crossed 800 North below the stairs on 300 East. A jogger passed me and then turned back and asked me what time it was. He raped me under the bushes in somebody's yard, at the corner of 700 North and 300 East in Provo. People passing in cars didn't see us.

I am finally convinced not to walk home alone in the dark.

Do we ever truly learn from others' mistakes? I plead with you to learn from mine. I had been warned of lurking danger many times, but the danger of being raped or assaulted never seemed real to me — not immediate or even close. So I regularly walked home alone in the dark. I didn't want to ask for rides or escorts. I felt silly. I didn't want to make a fuss over nothing.

I add my warning to all the others: The danger is real and significant. Will you who keep late hours on campus take it seriously? Perhaps you can coordinate with friends and walk in groups.

Police escorts are available throughout the evening. Or you might feel more comfortable asking a roommate with a car to pick you up. (And will you who offer the rides make it clear that you don't think this whole thing is silly, that you give your kindness gladly?)

May I lecture a bit further? We must not be so afraid of offending strangers. If only I had run away Sunday when this stranger first approached me and asked for the time! I certainly should not have stopped and talked. But I didn't want to be rude to a nice man.

Of course, this nice man was a rapist. I imagine that if we occasionally hurt some innocent person's feelings, it will not be of much consequence. But rape is unspeakably horrible. My concern with being "nice" now seems comparatively insignificant.

Women are raped, even in Provo, even before 7 p.m. Oh, be wise. What can I say more?

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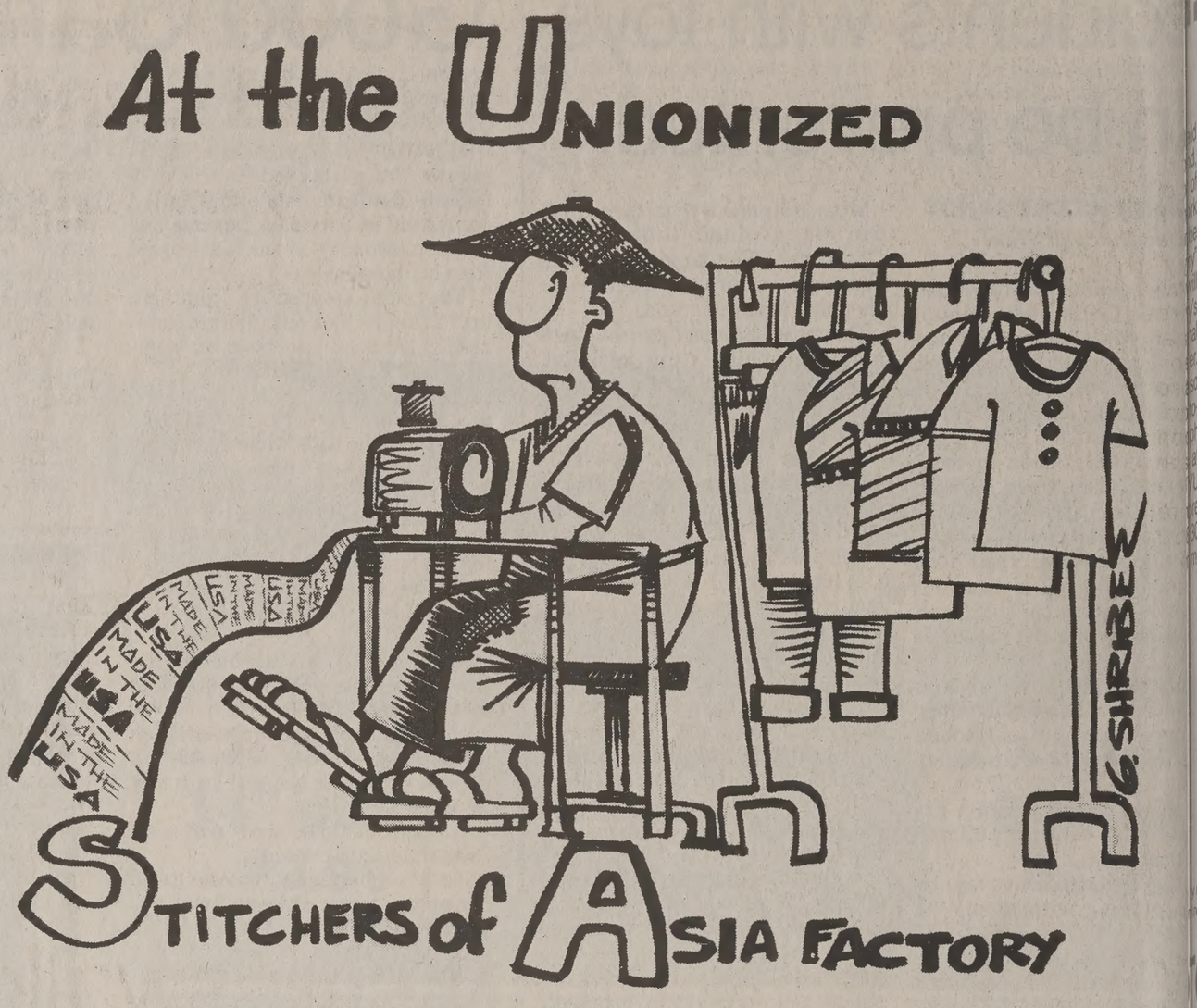
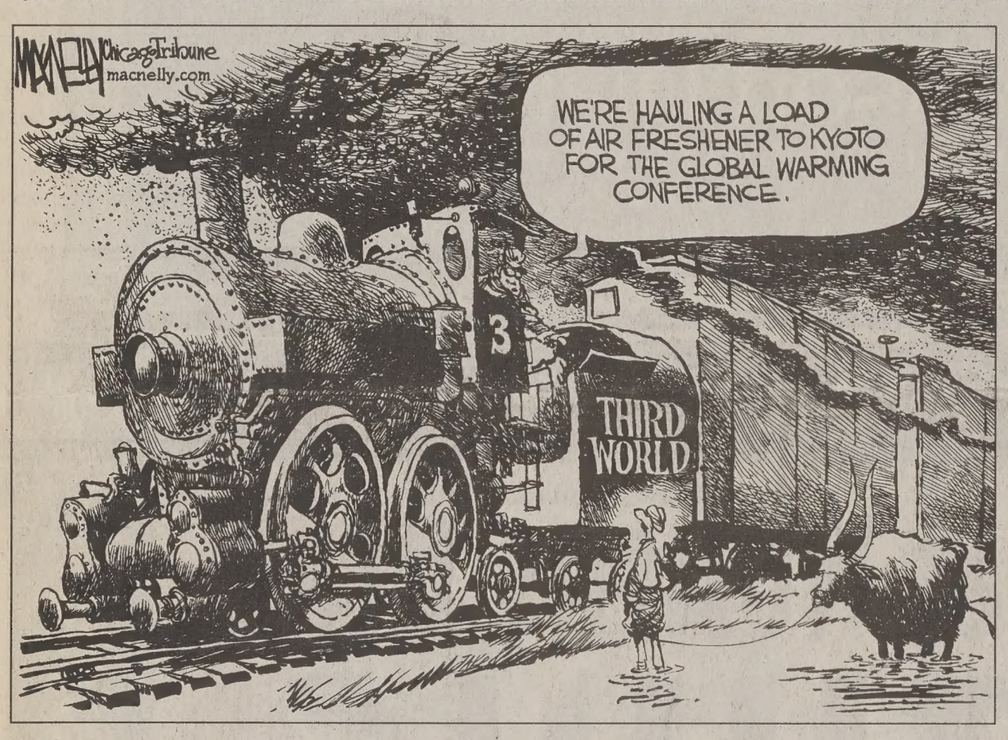


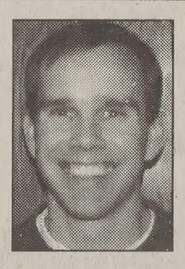


Viewpoint

Final exam policy more flexible

BYU students are often reminded that they need to complete their education in a timely manner to give more students a chance to attend BYU. Although the responsibility to carry full class loads and to earn passing grades rests mainly on the students' shoulders, the university's policies play a critical role in helping students work toward timely graduation.

If BYU wants to help its students avoid needlessly repeating classes and lengthening their academic careers, the administration must strengthen the policy that allows students to take a final exam on an alternate date, rather than just failing the class, when uncontrollable circumstances prevent the student from attending the scheduled exam.



by Craig Craze

Special to the Universe

A casual glance at the final examination policy for Fall 1997 shows that flexibility and a willingness to work with students already exists in the policy. However, a closer examination also shows the decision to work with a student is left entirely to the class instructor. If the instructor decides not to grant an alternate exam time, the student who is unable to attend the scheduled exam is forced to receive a failing grade.

The final exam policy states: "Final examinations will be given at the times shown in the schedule. Examinations are not given early. The examination period is preceded by reading days, which give time for conscientious review, study, and synthesis of the semester's work. The reading and the examination periods are firmly scheduled parts of the semester; you must not make plans that interfere with these important academic activities. If *illness or other uncontrollable circumstances* prevent you from taking an examination at the scheduled time, you are responsible to inform the class instructor as soon as possible. *Your instructor may give the grade Incomplete, depending on the circumstances. The incomplete cannot be given unless you and your instructor together prepare a contractual agreement*" (emphasis added).

Receiving a failing grade and retaking the course is the misfortune of taking a class from an educator who finds working with students, and possibility administering a final exam on a different date, to be too much of an inconvenience. These professors dismiss student appeals for alternate test dates by either saying the circumstances are controllable or simply refusing to give any final exams on alternate dates — regardless of the circumstances.

BYU does not print a list of uncontrollable circumstances or guidelines for professors to use in making their decision to grant Incompletes or to offer an alternate exam time. The absence of this list should be applauded as an outward sign of the administration's trust in the faculty members to work with students. It provides the instructors with a large degree of flexibility. The drawback, however, is that students cannot count on any consistency. While one professor may be willing to work with the student, another may refuse to assist the student and will simply give a failing grade.

During my four years at BYU, I have heard stories of professors failing students who did not take the final for a variety of reasons, including childbirth. Admittedly, I dismissed these and other stories about less-than-Christlike professors as untrue. Three weeks before my anticipated December graduation, however, I have found BYU does employ professors who are unwilling to work with students under extraneous circumstances.

One of my professors was very clear at the beginning of the semester that he would not give the final on any other date. "If you are planning to get married, and you want to get married on that Saturday, you need to switch sections now," he warned. This professor cites his warning and "university policy" for his reason to not give a final at any other time, regardless of the circumstances. At the end of December, I will be one exam short of graduation because of circumstances (not marriage) out of my control. I am now forced to defer my graduation.

The university can avoid similar situations in the future by encouraging or requiring professors to work with students under extraneous circumstances rather than simply giving a failing grade. The final grade in a course should reflect the student's academic performance and knowledge of the subject, not the ability of the student to attend final exams under uncontrollable circumstances.

Craze is senior from Fort Mill, S.C., and is majoring in public relations.

Readers' Forum

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U.N. not perfect, but not evil

Shane H. Harrison
Richfield

An enlightening Nov. 25 letter showed me that the United Nations is the "military arm" of "the forces of the anti-Christ." How could I have been so ignorant and deceived all these years!? Those hundreds of humanitarian, conflict resolution, institutional capacity building, NGO cooperation, energy, education, communication and environmental conferences must simply be facades for evil. All that development work an evil hoax; the scientific and cultural endeavors empty cisterns. All the humanitarian relief operations, minefield clearances, refugee repatriation programs, cultural and historical preservation efforts just a guise for "planned tyranny and a war machine." Who could know the real intentions of the U.N. charter, the international covenants and conventions on human rights, women's right, the rights of the child?

The U.N. is a far from perfect — no one will dispute that. Yet, it should not be quickly dismissed as human folly, or even worse, as evil. Scorn is easy to cast about in empty ignorance, and paranoia precludes participation in human society. The U.N. embodies the purest intentions of humankind, and is generally staffed by people who dare work toward ideals. This deserves our accolades and participation rather than our shallow "whatever that means" scorn.

New church political doctrine?

Katie Young
Highlands Ranch, Colo.

I always love opening up a new copy of The Daily Universe and finding new church doctrine in the Reader's Forum. Imagine my surprise to open it last Tuesday and find that the church has spoken out against the United Nations as being "the military arm of the anti-Christ."

I must have missed the conference talk where President Benson declared its evilness. What is that? I really hope deep down in my soul that the article was some kind of funny joke for which I missed the punch line, devised in some freshman dorm way too late on a Monday night. I am hoping that it's not actual doctrine that the rest of the Latter-day Saint community just missed out on. I want to make a request of the writer of the article and writers of similar articles in the future: If you are planning to condemn a major world peacekeeping force, please include a reference of where a talk might be found validating your findings, for those less-studious Latter-day Saints like myself.

Give us Wednesday off

Jared Zaugg
Caldwell, Idaho

How many more years do we have to go through this? Each Thanksgiving the administration uses the fear tactic of putting crumpled cars on campus so we'll drive slower/more carefully. They say they do this because they "care" about the students. Here's a great idea: CANCEL CLASS ON WEDNESDAY!

The administration knows the student body is made up of people from every one of the 50 states — each one trying to spend the national holiday with family.

If the administration truly cared, it would allow the students more time to travel those distances to get home. No more shallow statements! No more fear tactics! Enough is enough! Show us you sincerely care, so we don't have to risk speeding to a possible death.

Library bureaucracy

Marvin Nelson
Mapleton

What's up with library bureaucracy? Here's my gripe. I had this book checked out for one of my classes. I was doing a book report on it which was due the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Well, the due date was the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. So I decided to go in and recheck the book out. I went in on Nov. 24 — two days before it was actually due. So I go up to the guy at the checkout counter and hand him my book. He starts to check the book out for me without any problem, then he informs me that there is a hold on the book and he can't give it back to me. So I asked if I could at least have the book until Nov. 26, when it was actually due back; that way, I could at least get my report done. He said he couldn't. Well, I asked if there were any other copies of the book. Nope, there weren't. So, basically he took the book from me so some other guy who had a hold on it could have it.

Whatever happened to first come first serve? Shouldn't I have at least been able to keep the book until it was actually due? It seems to me that the person who already has the book should have some priority over the person who would like to have the book. I can understand them not letting me recheck the book out AFTER the due date, but why can they just take a book like that? It's kind of like paying your next month's rent a week early and the landlord informing you that you have to leave the apartment right then and there so someone else can move into your place. Sure you already paid rent for the entire month, but I guess if your landlord was a librarian, tough luck.

English food drive 'rocked'

Karen Pierotti
Administrative Aide
English Composition

Your note under the photograph, Food for the Hungry (Nov. 25), gave the impression that the English Composition office donated the food. The recognition should go to many of the students and graduate instructors of our English 115 and advanced writing classes. One class (Amy Osmond's English 115 section 29 — she says her class rocks!) collected more than 290 items that when pooled with other sections in her team (Diana Tanner's group) came to about 410 items. Some enterprising students went on Family Home Evening scavenger hunts and brought in bags of cans; the BYU Creamery had a surge in sales; others cleaned out their cupboards. We are grateful for the response and generosity of the students and instructors who donated to this worthwhile cause. Thanks so much. And to borrow Amy's phrase: You ROCK!

'Penny wise pound foolish'

Nicolaas Unlandt
French and Italian Department

Just a few remarks in response to a letter about "wasted tuition money" that was published Nov. 18.

1. Somebody once said that higher education is the only place where people are consciously trying not to get their money's worth. What to think, then, of students who do not do all their assigned homework, who come into the classroom well after the bell has rung, who study and learn just the bare minimum required to take a test and pass, or who start writing their research paper just a few days before it is due? This certainly is wasting tuition money and they do it themselves. They do not even have to watch their professors do it for them. If you want to complain, complain, but look at the whole picture, don't adopt a penny wise, pound foolish attitude.

2. I teach several classes using audio-visual aids, and sometimes it is hard to get the machines going, One room in the building is equipped, so I am told, w worth of technology. I know severa who have had problems with that The situation actually did not get somebody (Audio Visual?) took instructions. It then turned out that ment in the room in question had so interference with cellular phones elsewhere on campus ... hardly the teacher. (The interference problem but there still are no instructions.)

3. In the tradition that provided education in Europe, it would not occurred to me for a second to mak remark about students organizing a for their professors; but that must instead of whining about things beyo trol, I was too busy getting my tuiti worth earning a Ph.D., which now help many students here at BYU excellent, though technologically flawless and therefore still human ed

BYU fans a disgra

Regan Thacker
Bountiful

On Nov. 22 I was ashamed to be with BYU. I am not talking about football, but rather about the displ sportsmanship during the game. two examples. First, the crowd boo U football team when it entered Second, multiple crowd members ous items at the U of U cheerleade the field. These are not acts of g manship. In the first place, the U of team, cheerleaders and fans we guests of BYU. Secondly, as BY we should be setting a good examp ers and treating them kindly. Sport sportsmanship, and there was far to shown at the game. It was not a g of values taught at BYU.

Show respect for the

Jodi Klitgaard
Greg Watts
Cassandra Bator
Jeff Gerber
Provo

We, a group of BYU students, are about what we perceive as a lack for the flag ceremony on campus. mony takes place twice a day and the raising and lowering of the f United States of America. Our ma is the many people who ignore or d retreat to the nearest building to avo emony. This shows a lack of resp flag and the national anthem. We there are many non-U.S. citizens or visit BYU. However, the freedo country are enjoyed by all who visit

Proper etiquette states that during emony or playing of the national should stand and face the flag or th in which the music is coming. On c flag pole is on the south side of th tration building. The music is play speakers on top of the library. A fo is played before the ceremony be cue should be seen as a preparation a warning.

This simple act of respect shows tude for the sacrifices which brough freedoms that we enjoy. We hop freedoms are not taken for grante hope everyone will put forth a great show respect during the flag ceremo

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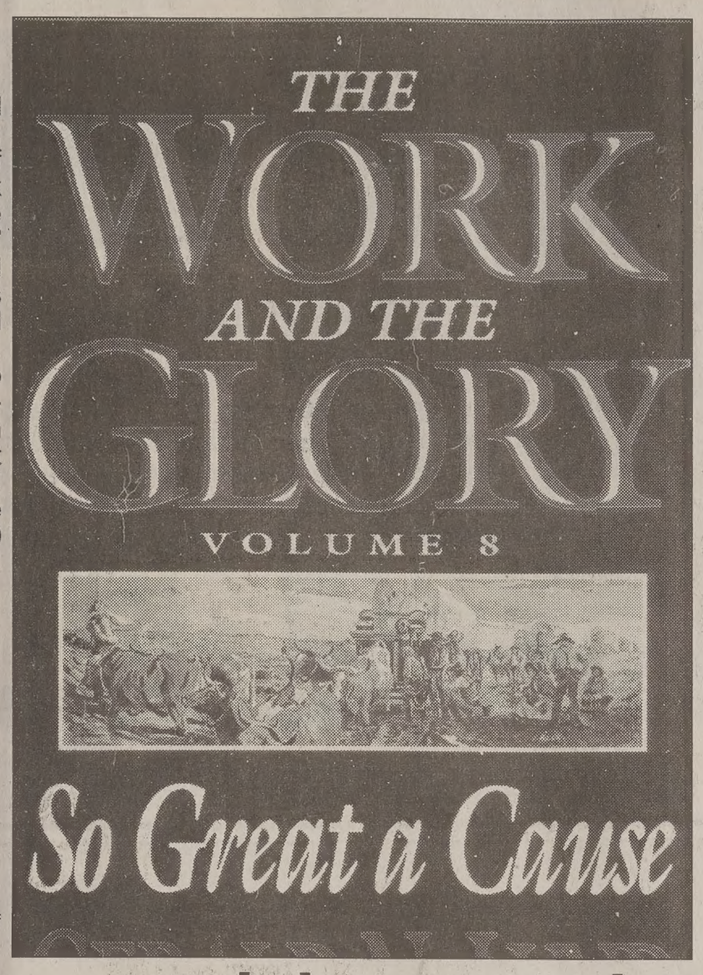

Gerald Lund to talk about revelation

By BESS HARVEY
Universe Staff Writer

Gerald Lund, author of the popular historical novel series "The Work and the Glory," is speaking at today's Devotional at 11 a.m. in the Marriott Center.

Lund, a graduate of Brigham Young University, works for the LDS Church Educational System. He completed additional studies at Pepperdine College and the University of Judaism in Southern California.

Lund is best known for "The Work and the Glory," a multi-volume fiction based on the history of the LDS Church. However, he has written several other books, including "The Alliance" and "Jesus Christ and the Plan of Salvation."

His speech, "Voice of the Lord," will focus on receiving personal revelation.

"I will focus on distinguishing true revelation from counterfeit revelation in our own personal lives," Lund said.

Lund will offer listeners five specific principles for distinguishing between the two types of revelations in their lives, he said.

"I will illustrate using actual examples and stories from the lives of others," Lund said.

Lund said he will share what individuals can do to increase readiness to receive personal true revelation.

"I will be sharing with my listeners what the voice of the Lord is like, and what we have to do to prepare ourselves to hear the voice of the Lord," Lund said.

Lund emphasized this is an area of particular importance for young adults at this time in their lives.

"Right now young adults are making the most important decisions they will ever have to make in their lives," he said.

Lund said he will also focus on common misconceptions on revelation and how revelation comes.

Clubnotes

VISION BEYOND SIGHT CLUB There will be an activity, depending on the weather, Saturday at 11 a.m. We will hike to the Y or go tubing in the canyon. Please meet at 2150 JKHB.

GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Alton Wade, Student Life vice president, and his wife, Diana, will speak at 7 p.m. in 3228 ELWC.

CLUB ROMANIA Christmas Party tonight at 7 in 3250 ELWC. Bring $5 for club dues. Everyone is invited.

HONORS Devotional at 7 a.m. Wednesday in 321 MSRB features a speaker and a continental breakfast. Thursday at 7 p.m. will be Honors evening at the MOA featuring Minerva Teichert's Book of Mormon paintings. Refreshments will be served.

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ovo aids repair of crosswalk lights

By ERIC ANDERSON
Universe Staff Writer

c lights at the North Campus Drive cross- vandalized Wednesday morning.

walk is north of the Museum of Art and parking lot.

stole four reflector globes, which deter- bulb reflects a yellow, green or red light, a light bulb, said Allen Ewell, a journey- ician with the BYU Electric Shop. This ifficult for drivers to tell the color of the said.

d this was the fourth time in six months ghts have been tampered with.

"If they (the vandals) are just getting bored, this is not a safe thing to try," Ewell said.

The situation is dangerous because oncoming drivers don't see the lights that warn them to stop for pedestrians at the crosswalk.

Because vandals have stolen so many parts from these lights, the Electric Shop didn't have the necessary parts to replace those stolen and had to put the lights on flash mode.

Fortunately, Provo had the parts to repair the crosswalk. Ewell said that they "lucked out" finding parts.

Without Provo's help, the parts would have taken two weeks to arrive. Fortunately, the crosswalk was repaired Wednesday afternoon.

Lt. Greg Barber of University Police said lights were installed in that particular location to ensure student safety. An accident occurred there before.

Barber said $140 in parts was stolen. He thinks because the lights have been vandalized so often in such a short period of time that the same person or group of people are responsible.

"Anyone having information concerning these thefts please contact University Police immediately," Barber said.

University Police can be reached at 378-2222.

"If you are the person responsible, please be aware that the loss of these lights will increase the danger to students and pedestrians that use this crosswalk for the time that these lights are out of service," Barber said.

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eakers focus on importance of service

HILARY ROSS
niverse Staff Writer

Vade, Vice President of e, and his wife, Diana, will "Service: An Ultimate f Education" tonight at 7 in C.

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es were inducted as hon- bers in BYU's chapter of National Honor Society in hey were chosen as hon- bers based on their signifi- e to BYU and the Provo

Alton has been involved in education for 36 years. He received a master's degree at California State University in Long Beach and later received an Ed.D. in educational administration at BYU.

Alton served as headmaster of the LDS Church College in New Zealand and as a zone administrator for the CES with assignments in the Pacific, Asia, South America, Canada and the United States.

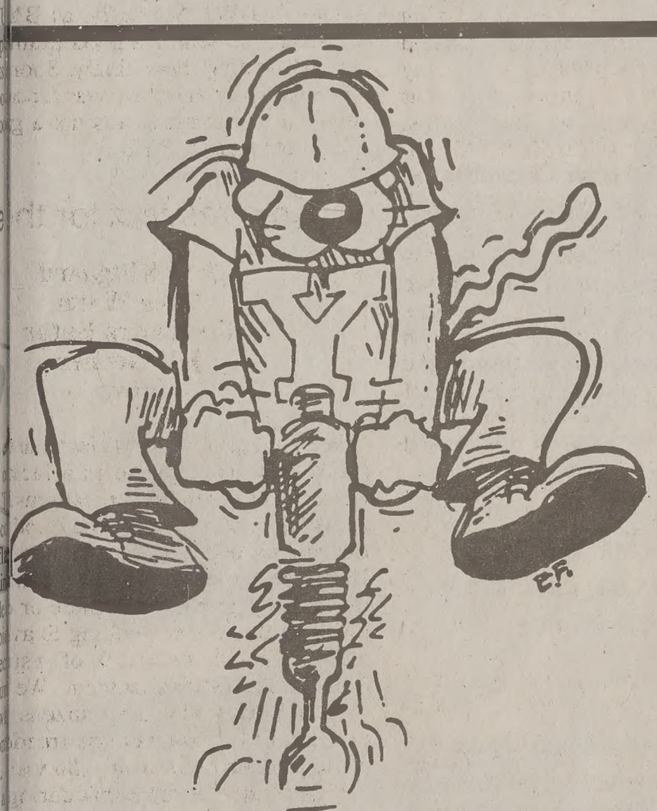
He was president of Dixie College from 1980 to 1986 and was president of BYU-Hawaii from 1986 to 1994. Alton has served as Student Life vice president at BYU since June 1994.

Diana received a bachelor's degree from BYU before raising her children.

She is involved in the community, helping families of children with disabilities. Diana works with brain-injured children for a few hours each day. She recently raised funds needed to bring a brain-injured child from Hawaii to receive assistance.

In addition, Diana has been a volunteer for the National Academy for Child Development for many years.

Alton said Diana's desire to serve those with disabilities may be a direct result of the time and attention she has given to their own handicapped daughter.



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Charlie Brown and Linus find a Christmas tree in "A Charlie Brown Christmas." This and several other holiday specials will be airing in the next few weeks as Christmas Day approaches.

TV holiday specials appeal to audiences

By TIMOTHY KENNEDY
Universe Staff Writer

The holiday season is now in full swing, and one way many people like to experience this time of year is to watch Christmas specials on TV. In case you're anxiously waiting for that favorite special, here's a list of some of the more popular specials that will be airing this week. Enjoy!

Tonight
- Bugs Bunny Christmas Tales: 6 p.m. on the Family Channel (animated)
- Noel: 6:15 p.m. on The Family Channel (animated)
- Nestor, The Christmas Donkey: 7 p.m. on The Family Channel (animated)
- Santa Claus is Coming to Town: 8 p.m. on The Family Channel (animated)

Wednesday
- Jolly Old St. Nicholas: 6 p.m. on The Family Channel (animated)
- A Garfield Christmas: 7:30 p.m. on Channel 2 (animated)
- A Charlie Brown Christmas: 7 p.m. on The Family Channel (animated)
- 'Twas the Night Before Christmas: 7 p.m. on The Family Channel (animated)
- An American Country Christmas: 11 p.m. on The Family Channel (country music)

Thursday
- Yes, Virginia There Is a Santa: 7 p.m. on The Family Channel (animated)
- Ernest Saves Christmas: 8:30 p.m. on The Family Channel (1988 TV movie)

Friday
- How The Grinch Stole Christmas: 6:05 p.m. on TBS (animated)
- Christmas in Vienna: 7 p.m. on Channel 11 (holiday music)
- Santa and the Three Bears: 7 p.m. on The Family Channel (animated)
- Mannheim Steamroller Christmas: 9 p.m. on Channel 11 (holiday music)

Saturday
- A Disney Channel Christmas: 12:25 p.m. on The Disney Channel (variety)
- Lawrence Welk Holiday Special: 6 p.m. on Channel 11 (music/variety)
- Pinocchio's Christmas: 7 p.m. on The Family Channel (animated)
- It Nearly Wasn't Christmas: 8 p.m. on The Disney Channel (1990 TV movie)
- Santa Claus is Coming to Town: 8 p.m. on The Family Channel (kid's special)

Sunday
- Rudolph's Shiny New Year: 1:10 p.m on The Disney Channel (animated)
- To Grandmother's House We Go: 4 p.m. on The Family Channel (1992 TV movie)
- Christmas Every Day: 6 p.m. on The Family Channel (1996 TV movie)
- Christmas World: 7 p.m. on Channel 11 (holiday music)
- The Nutcracker: 7 p.m. on Channel 14 (1986 movie)
- Christmas Fireside: 8 p.m. on Channel 11 (church leaders)
- The Christmas List: 8 p.m. on The Family Channel (TV movie)
- The Other Wiseman: 9 p.m. on Channel 11 (holiday drama)
- Mormon Tabernacle Choir: 9:30 p.m. on Channel 11 (carols)

Information courtesy of The Deseret News.

TODAY

THEATER — MUSICAL: "The Christmas Box," will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in the Harris Fine Arts Center's Pardoe Drama Theater. It tells the story of a man's struggle to balance his family, work and personal life. Tickets are $10 general; $8 with student ID. Call 378-HFAC for more information or tickets.

THEATER — CHRISTMAS: The Hale Center Theatre Orem, 225 W. 400 North, will present its annual favorite, "A Christmas Carol," at 8 p.m. Tickets are $7-$9; call 226-8600 for more information.

MUSIC — BRASS CHOIR: BYU's Brass Choir will perform everything from Beethoven to Dixieland jazz at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall. The BYU Trombone Choir, Brass Quintet and Trombone Chamber Choir will also perform. Admission is free.

MOVIE — VARSITY THEATER: "Conspiracy Theory," the summer hit starring Mel Gibson and Julia Roberts, is at the Varsity Theater through Dec. 11. Showtimes are 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. each day except Sunday. Admission is $1.50.

MOVIES — INTERNATIONAL CINEMA: Two films are at the International Cinema, 250 SWKT, this week. Please note that these times are for today only. "Sweet Hours" (1982, 105 minutes) is in Spanish with English subtitles; showtimes are 3:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. "Children of Nature" (1991, 85 minutes) was nominated for an Oscar, and is in Icelandic (!) with English subtitles; showtimes are 5:15 p.m. and 9 p.m. Admission is free with IC card; $1 otherwise.

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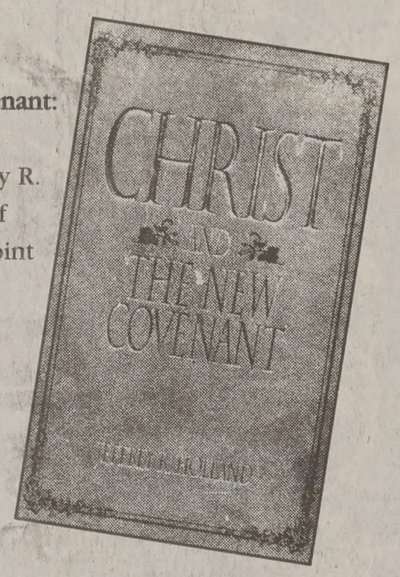

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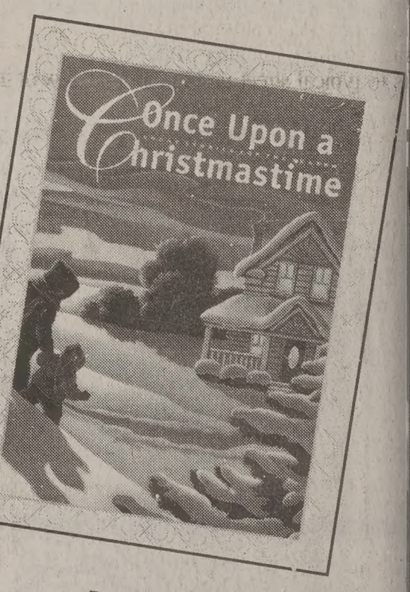

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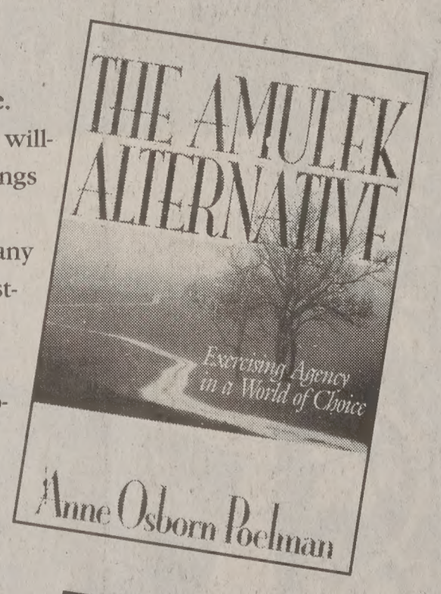

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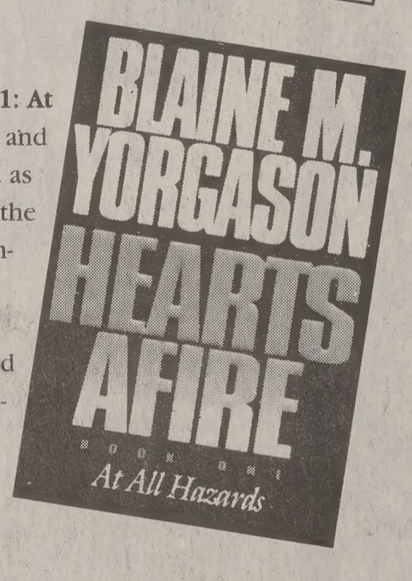

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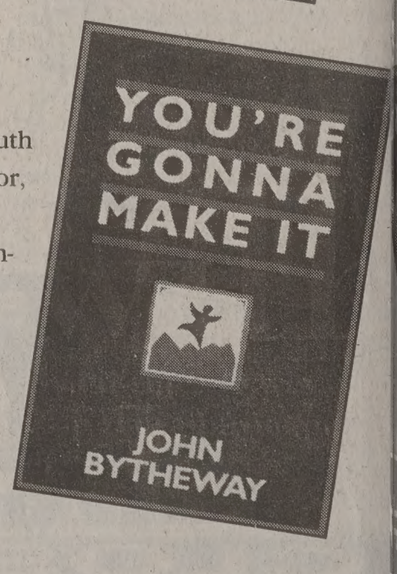

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ate park shows pioneer life

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Visitors look at animals at This Is The Place Park at the mouth of Emigration Canyon. The park is open during the Christmas season for visitors to see how pioneers celebrated the holidays.

Place State Park in Salt llows visitors to travel to the mid-1800s.

e Place State Park, 2601 Ave. at the mouth of Canyon, is the site where rmon settlers entered the dley. The park is home to The Place Monument, s the end of the 1,300- non Pioneer National il. It is also home to the Village.

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During the Christmas season, Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 15-20, 26 and 27, Old Deseret Village will have a holiday make over for a "Candlelight Pioneer Christmas." The cabins and homes will be decorated with fresh pine boughs for the holidays.

"This (pioneer Christmas) is for people to see how Christmas was during 1847-1869," Camp said.

Visitors will experience settlers cooking Christmas treats over the hearth or wood stove, villagers making Christmas gifts and crafts, the press printing Christmas greetings, the blacksmith making gifts and the general store selling old-fashioned pioneer treasures.

"The docents will be making decorations with boughs and little wooden toys, things that pioneers would have traditionally made," Camp said.

Visitors can also make their own simple gifts and crafts, take a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the village and tour the Brigham Young farmhouse to observe how a pioneer family prepared for a large Christmas party.

Michael Bennett will be performing a one-man show of "Scrooge" nightly, except Dec. 26 and 27. Performances are at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.in the Social Hall.

"Michael Bennett is a local actor who has been performing 'Scrooge' as a one-man show for 20 years; he is a wonderful actor," Camp said.

Pioneer Christmas Tours cost $5 for adults, $2 for children ages 3-11, $2 for seniors age 62 and over. Family passes are available for $18.

rit of 19th century England alive at festival

AUDIA LORENZANA
Iniverse Staff Writer

ickens would be proud. The Dickens' Christmas Festival, created in the spirit of 19th and, kicked off Monday and through Dec. 13 at the Utah rk in Salt Lake City.

Park, at 155 N. 1000 e center of more than 120 000 entertainers and other ill be featured at the festival. lson, a festival director, said hs have been decorated to h century English shops, and have been costumed in tradi- h clothing, ranging from ele- o typical street urchin cloth- ing.

"The festival is unique in that it is all done in the English theme," Nelson said. "Most of our vendors even attempt to speak with a British accent."

Other booths will feature traditional English foods, such as roasted chestnuts and hot wassail, a hot English drink made of orange and lemon juice, cinnamon, cloves and other spices.

A wide variety of performers have been scheduled for the festival. Local groups will perform outdoors on three different stages to provide entertainment during the entire festival.

Magicians, jugglers, children's performing groups and a clogging group called "The Clogging Grandmothers" are just a few of the performers.

The festival will also include productions of "Scrooge" and "Oliver" and will have a puppet theater for children.

Even horse-drawn carriage rides on carriages from the 1870s will be provided to the public for free.

Nelson said since there was no Santa Claus in England, the festival will have special appearances by Father Christmas, who typically wears a green robe and a wreath on his head.

"We have the best Father Christmas in the world," Nelson said.

The festival is expected to draw as big a crowd as it has in the past.

"It's one of Utah's largest events, and we've been successful for 16 years," Nelson said.

The festival runs Monday through Thursday, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m, and Friday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Ticket prices are $5 for adults, $3 for children. Special family passes are available.

Clarification

A review in Monday's edition of *The Daily Universe* identified "An Angel's Promise," by Donald P. Mangum and Brenton G. Yorgason, as "Mormon fiction." While the authors are LDS and have previously published works that would be considered "Mormon fiction," "An Angel's Promise" actually contains no references to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or its members. The publishers wish to emphasize that the book is of general interest and is sold nationwide.

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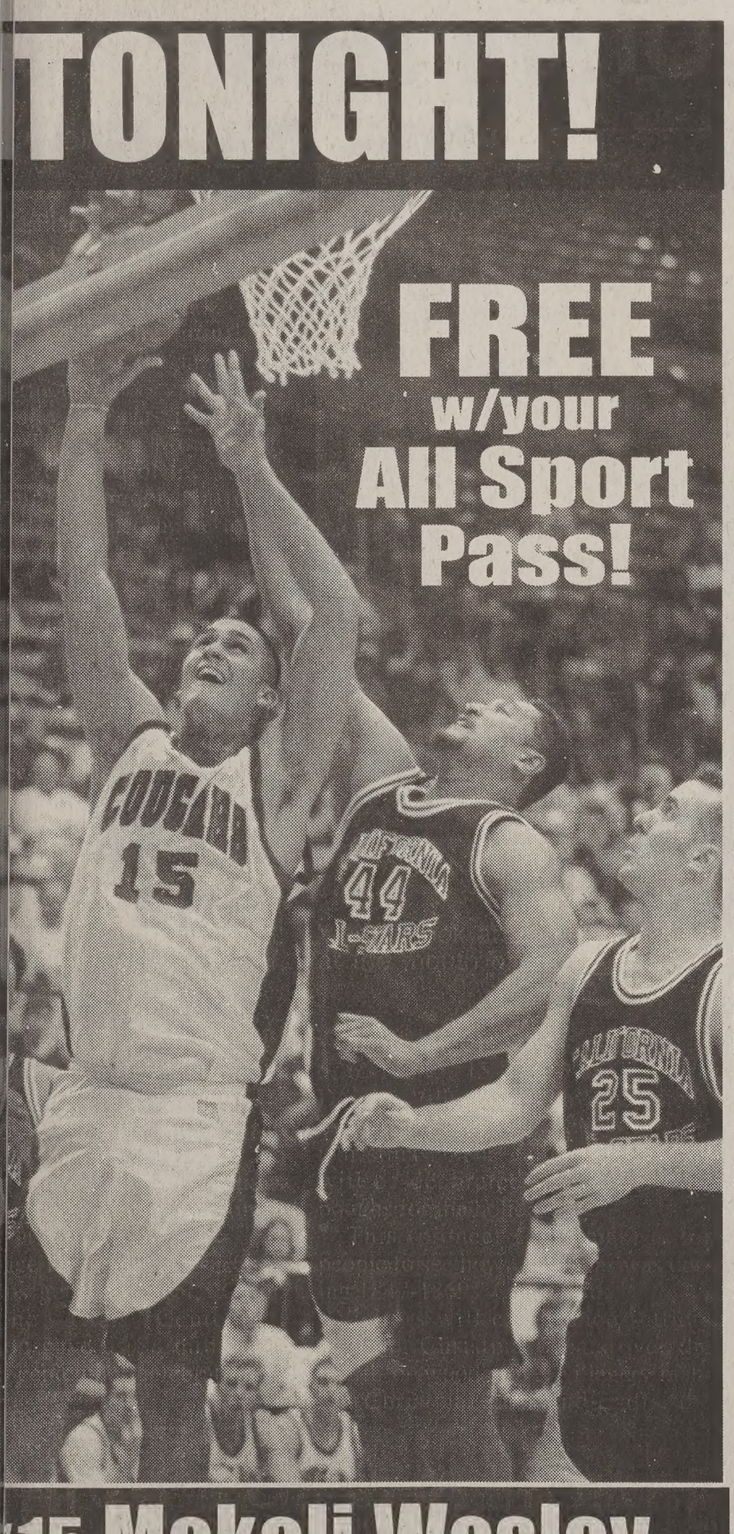

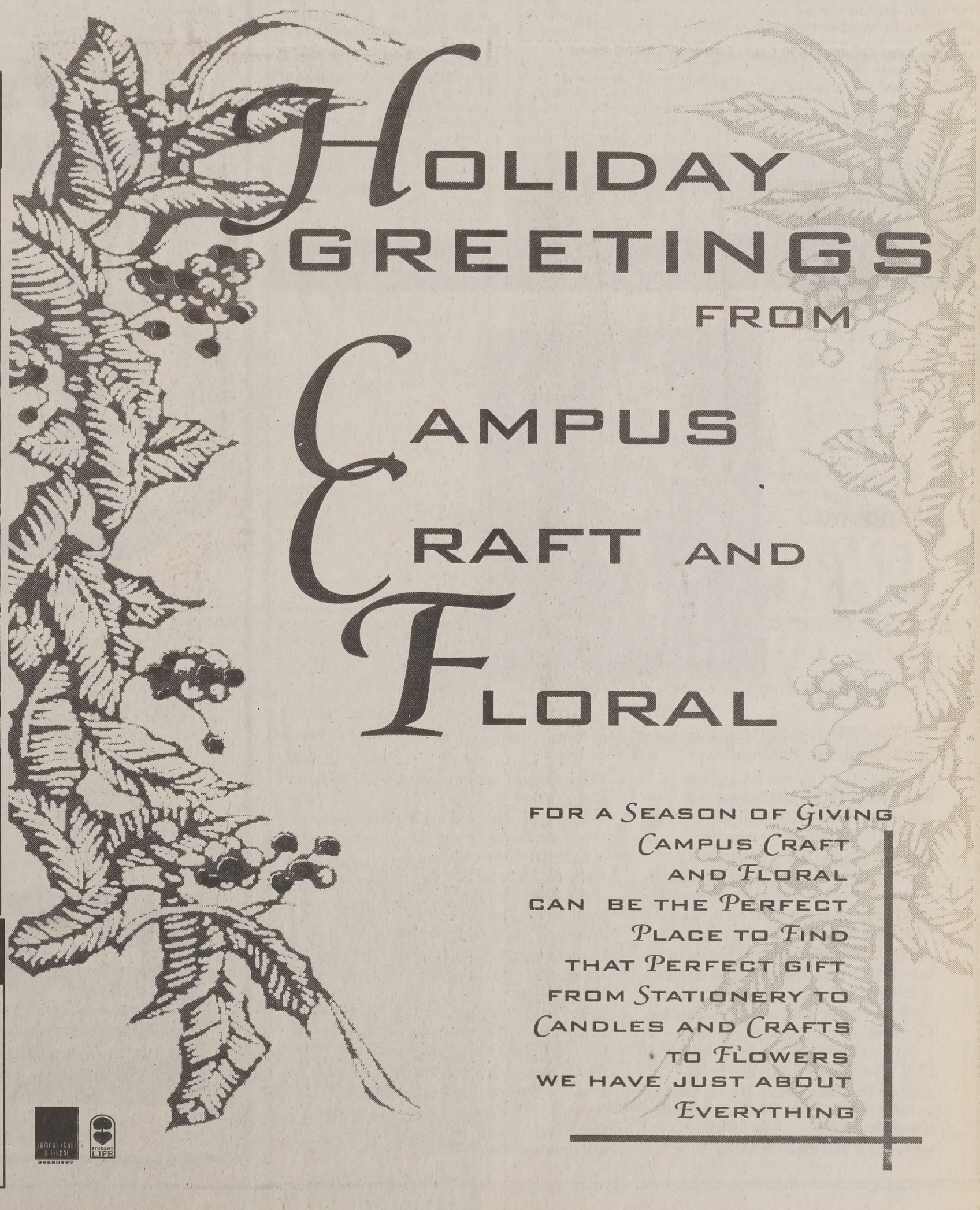

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Men's basketball team wary of tough Penn State squad

By MATTHEW PRIBYL
Universe Sports Writer

The BYU men's basketball team will definitely have their hands full as the visiting Penn State Nittany Lions come knocking at the Marriott Center for tonight's game at 7.

The Cougars are fresh off of a near-win performance against the Utah State Aggies, falling short 72-69 in Logan. Mekeli Wesley was a force for the Cougars, scoring 17 points and dishing out four assists in the game. The Cougars also began the game impressively, setting their season-high output for scoring in the first half with 34 points at intermission.

In the second half, due to a lack of rebounding on both ends, the Cougars were unable to withstand the Aggies and they eventually dug themselves into a hole that they could simply not get out of. Despite a late run to bring the USU lead within a point, the Cougars came up short.

Junior guard Brian Hamilton is optimistic about the Cougars' progress this year.

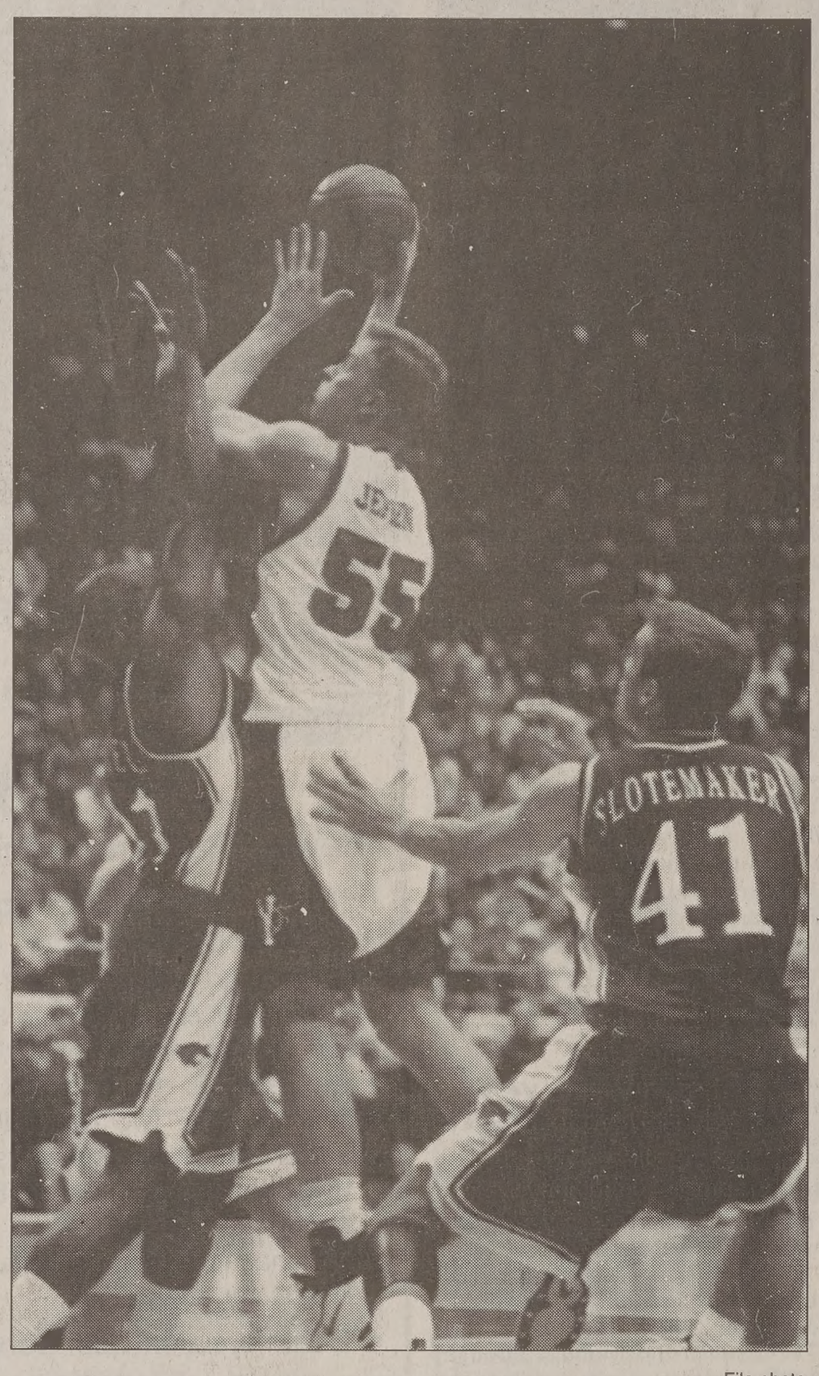
"We've gotten better each day," Hamilton said. "You've got to learn and get better from every game, win or lose."

Looking at Penn State, this year's squad hopes to be a force in the Big 10. Having to play with the consistent power teams of Michigan, Ohio State, Indiana, and Purdue, the Nittany Lions are on a mission to elevate their game and stand above their competition and the public eye as well.

With convincing wins in the exhibition season and a hard-fought 61-57 victory against North Carolina State, Penn State has found itself perfect on the season so far. It is looking to extend the streak to 4-0 with a victory over the Cougars.

Leading the Nittany Lions into Provo are guards Pete Lisicky and Dan Earl along with Calvin Booth, the team's leading rebounder. In their victory over NC State, the backcourt combination of Lisicky and Earl proved effective as both players scored 14 points each.

The Cougars will also have to hit the glass harder in their rebounding efforts if they want to compete with Penn State. The Nittany Lions feature some big bodies in the paint, and the Cougars will need to beat them to the ball for success.



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Bret Jepsen goes up for a shot during the Washington State game. The BYU men's basketball team plays Penn. State at the Marriott Center tonight at 7. The Cougars are looking for their second win of the season against the Lions.

The three-point attack of the Cougars may also prove to be vital. In the Utah State game, the Cougars connected on nine of 18 shots from downtown.

Last year BYU traveled to the other "happy valley" and received a rude welcome, losing by 22 points. The Cougars trailed 26-25 at halftime, but Penn State pulled away in the second half, thanks to BYU's horrific shooting percentage. The Cougars shot 32.1 percent from the field in the second half and lost 75-53.

BYU will look to end a streak tonight. The Cougars have lost 13 straight regular season games at the Marriott Center. Penn State leads the overall series with BYU 2-1, with the first meeting in 1979.

If the Cougars can crash the boards, aggressively attack the basket and more effectively rebound, they will be in this game. If not, they could find themselves at the short end of the stick once more.

Women's basketball team wins first road game of the season

By HEATHER REEVES
Universe Sports Writer

The BYU women's basketball team clinched its first road victory of the season in a 57-48 win over the University of Pacific.

17 first half points from Barbi Carmichael was a major contributing factor to the Cougar's win. Defense was the other.

"Our defense played tremendous tonight, and we didn't give them (Pacific) any easy shots," said head coach Trent Shippen.

The Tigers were contained to only eight offensive rebounds compared to the Cougars' 12 offensive rebounds and 27 defensive rebounds.

BYU had control of the whole game from the outset. The Cougars outscored Pacific 25-20 in the first half and 32-28 in the second half.

> ***"We kept battling and weren't going to be denied this win."***
> *—Trent Shippen women's basketball coach*

With two losses on their record, one against Portland and one against Colorado, the Cougars have been craving a win against a legitimate basketball program.

"This was a good team effort, we kept battling and weren't going to be denied this win," Shippen said. "It was our defense that kept us in the game."

BYU had a secure nine point 53-44 lead with two minutes left in the game. As the Tigers tried to rally in the final minutes, BYU dropped four more points to solidify their road victory.

The game was all defense, resulting in a low-scoring game. The Cougars shot 40 percent from the field but they only attempted 59 field goals. Pacific only had a 37 shooting percentage.

Carmichael was by far the team leader in scoring with 21 points. Carmichael was deadly both inside and outside of the perimeter shooting 50 percent from the three-point line.

The only other Cougar in double digits for scoring was Kari Gallup with 10 points. Gallup was an essential team player not only tallying up the double digits in points but also contributing five assists and three rebounds.

Amanda Covington and Lori Henry were team players for the Cougars as Covington had six assists for the game and Henry was the leader in rebounds with 11.

The closest Tiger to the Cougars in scoring was Martha Yarbrough with 15 points along with five rebounds and four assists. Yarbrough also lead the Tigers in turnovers giving up nine turnovers to the Cougars.

This road victory is not only a first for the season but also marks the first for new coach Trent Shippen. The Cougars are at 50 percent for the season with a 2-2 record.

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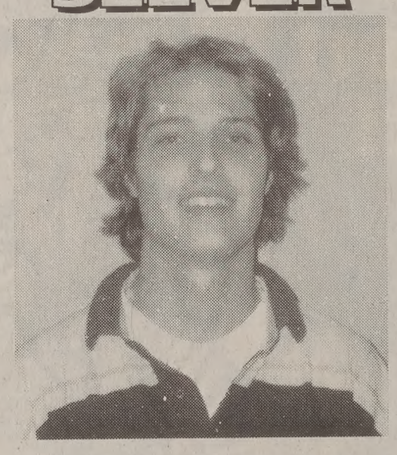
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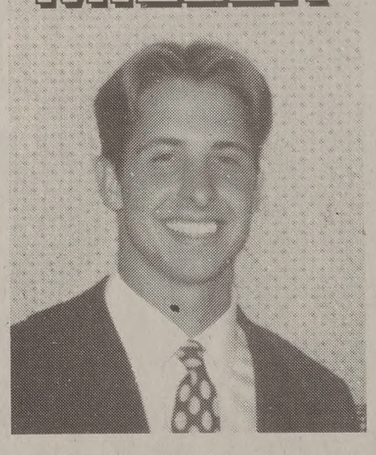
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Gerald N. Lund earned BA and MA degrees from BYU and has pursued additional studies at Pepperdine College and the University of Judaism in Southern California.

Employed with the Church Educational System for 30 years in many capacities, Brother Lund is currently serving as a CES zone administrator. His past CES positions include seminary teacher, institute director, curriculum writer, director of college curriculum, director of Teaching Support Services, and director of the Curriculum and Instruction Division.

Brother Lund has been honored with BYU's Continuing Education Distinguished Teaching Award. He has been a lecturer at Education Week and with the Know Your Religion series. He has served as a tour director to the Holy Land, Central America, and LDS Church history sites.

Author of numerous books and novels, two of his *The Work and the Glory* series of LDS novels were chosen as best novels of 1991 and 1993 by the Association of Mormon Letters. Volume four received the Frankie & John K. Orton Award for LDS literature in 1994, and the entire series was honored as the LDS Independent Booksellers Book of the Year for 1996.

Brother Lund has served the Church as a bishop, bishopric counselor, member of the Youth Correlation Review Committee, and chairman of the Gospel Doctrine Writing Committee. He is married to the former Lynn Stanard, and they are the parents of seven children and grandparents of 11.

Illustration by John Lepinski

P volleyball player leads by example

ESEMARY LARSEN
verse Sports Writer

ll-American and the st Valuable Player Amy goes above and beyond lual achievements and swer the call of duty as of BYU's women's vol-n. Her strong leadership his year's team to its No. d a WAC Championship. d about her personal tal-vards, Gant said simply, . I have no good stories m normal." Her modesty successful she has been and an example for her

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Rachel Greene, another middle blocker for the Cougars, said, "Even when things aren't going well, everybody's down and messing up, Amy (Gant) is always the one that's pushing everyone else and fighting.

"She is working so hard herself and we see that," Greene said. "It's not so much what she says, but it's through her example. She's great."

> ***"I think, of course, that it's important that she's out there killing the ball, but she pushes all of us to be better."***
>
> *-- Heather Whittaker women's volleyball team*

Gant feels a good leader is someone who plays first and talks after. "Everybody should be able to look to that leader on how to play. If things are going wrong, you can just look to them and see them working hard," Gant said. "That's what I try to do. I don't know if I do it all the time, but I know how I want to be."

"One of Amy's strong points is that no matter how she's playing, well or bad, she manages to keep a level head and a positive attitude the whole time," said BYU's Andrea Petrilli. "You can tell she's frustrated, but she goes about motivating herself and others in a very positive way."

Prior to attending BYU, Gant lived in Colorado for most of her high school career. She then moved with her family to Laguna Hills, Calif., to complete her senior year. Gant, like many other collegiate athletes, was heavily recruited but narrowed it down to BYU or UCLA.

"My family basically wanted me to be happy," Gant said. "To them, either place would have been fine because they were in California and I had other family here in Utah. I chose BYU because I liked the team, the area, the program and how it all was run.

"It was kind-of funny. When I chose BYU, the people in California disowned me. They said, 'we're not your friends.' But I'm totally happy with my decision. I can't imagine being anywhere else," she said.

As a freshman, she was an immediate star for the Cougars, starting 28 of 29 matches in 1994 and sitting out one because of an injury. Gant led the team in blocks per game with 1.33 and recorded double figure kills 13 times.

Her sophomore year was even better as Gant continued to lead in blocks but also topped BYU in hitting percentage, 2.74, kills per game, 4.08, and service aces per game, .32.

Gant's junior year was another leading season despite shoulder surgery. "Last year was great," she said. "Yeah, I had shoulder surgery and that was hard. We also had a new setter, but by midway through the season, we were fine.

"I hope that I've gotten better every year. I'm definitely a more comfortable player each year, but each year's different," Gant said. "There's a great group of girls this year and I think we all have the same goal in mind."

What is that goal? Well, as almost every university hopes, to win a national championship.

"I think this year especially, we have the team to do it," she said. "I really think we have the tools to do it and I am really excited about that for my senior year.

"I've had a really great team here at BYU. I think the perfect ending would be a national championship, so that's what I'm hoping for. That would be very satisfying," Gant said.

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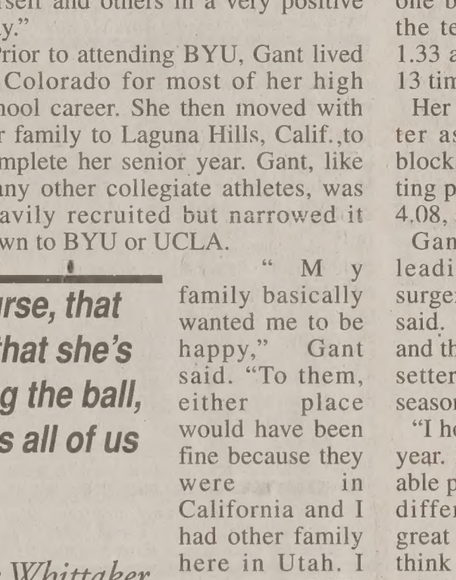

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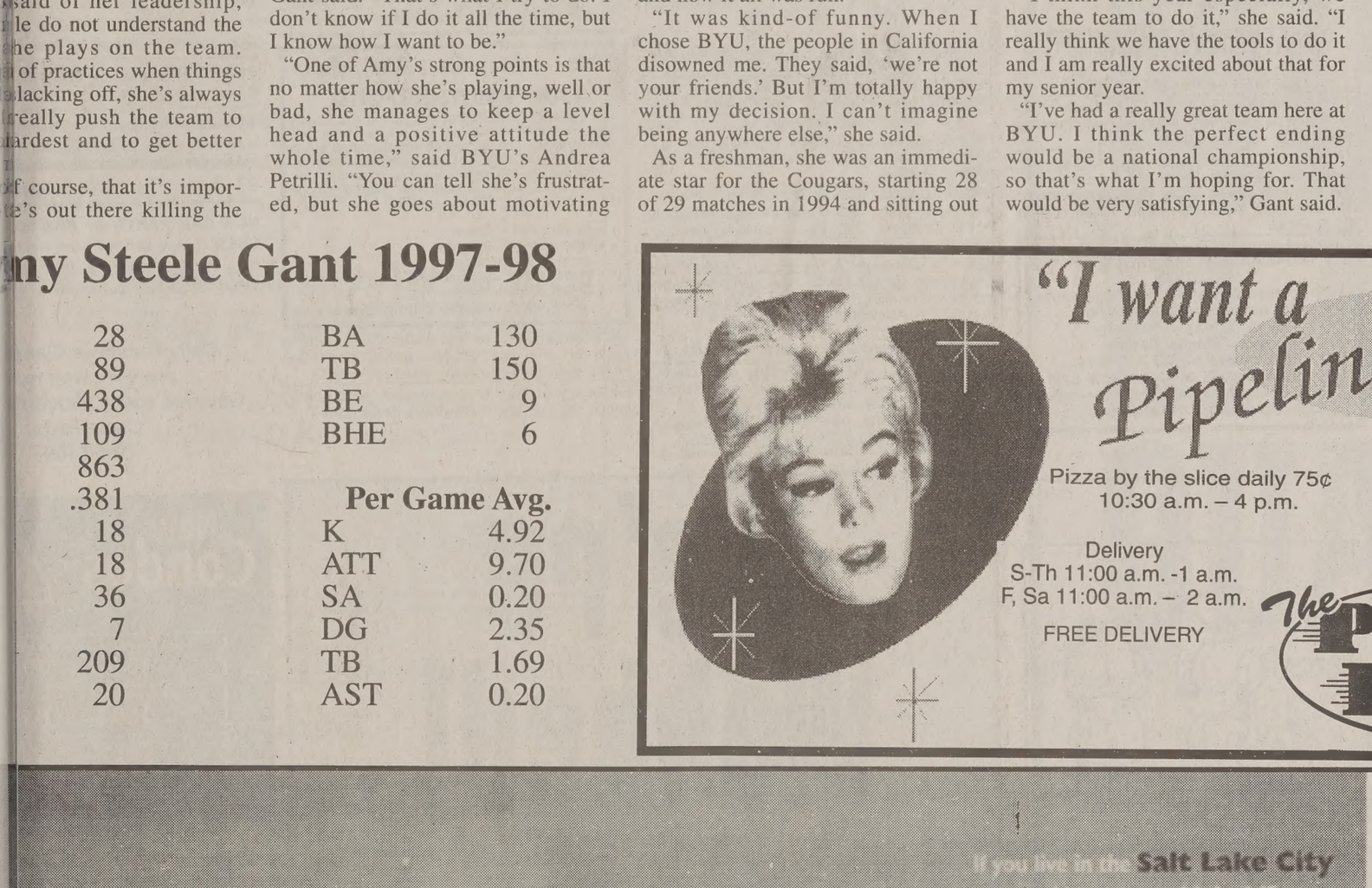
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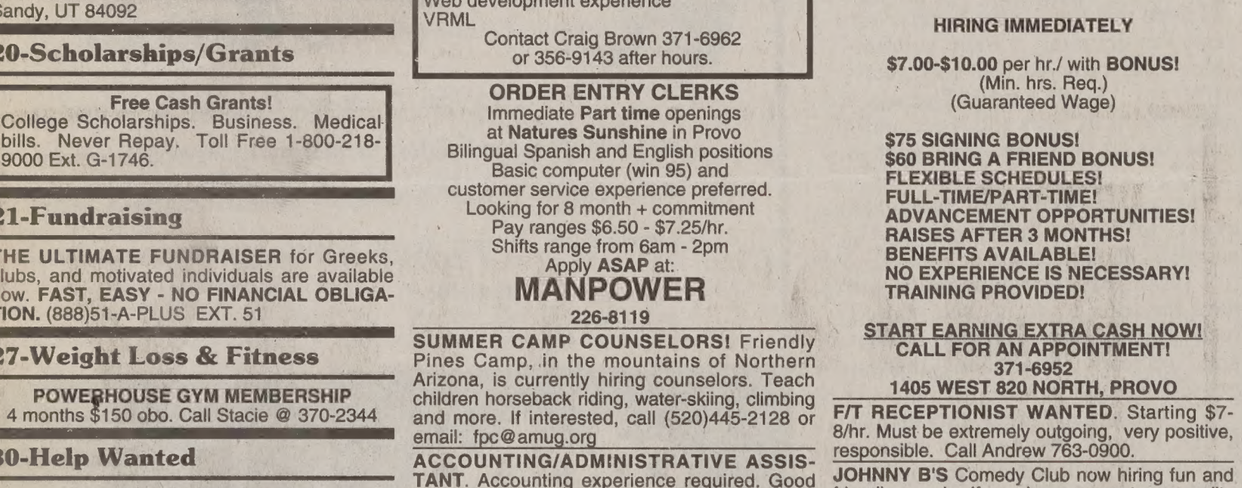

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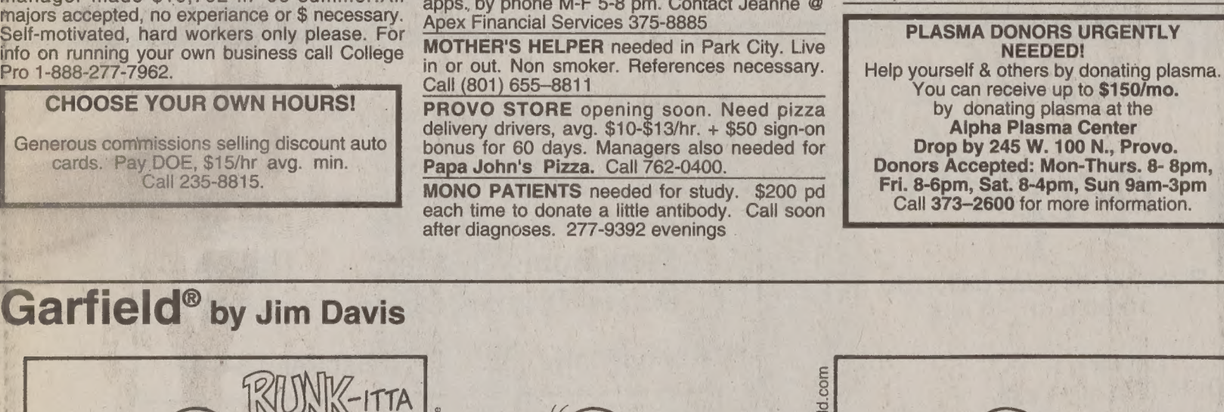
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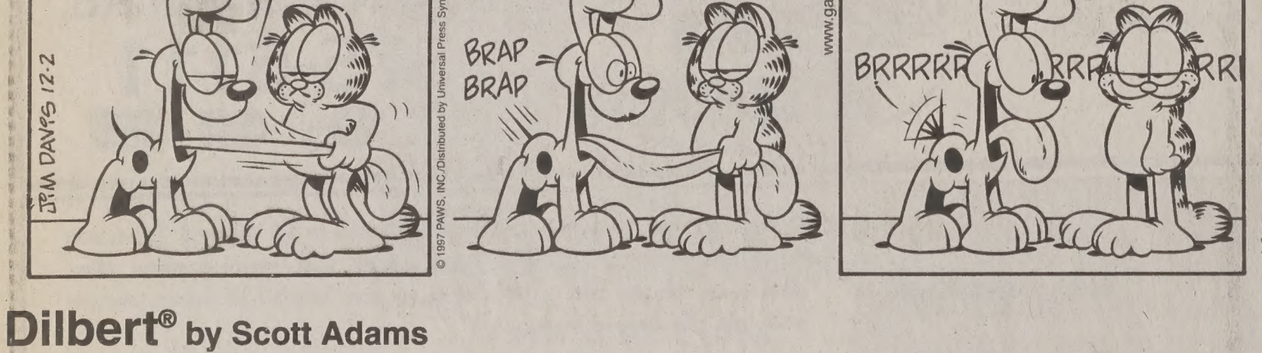
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q seeks oil revenue for food, medicine

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TATIONS — With nearly 1 million of n not getting enough to eat, Secretary-Annan suggested Monday in a report urity Council consider raising the revenue Iraq can spend to buy food

report ... the population of Iraq con- a serious nutritional and health situa- is an urgent need to contain the risk eterioration," Annan said in his report. food ration "even if it is distributed d in a timely manner, cannot address lnutrition and energy deficiency," he

mber council must decide this week whether to renew the oil-for-food program, which expires Thursday.

It now allows Iraq to sell $2.14 billion worth of oil every six months.

Two-thirds of the revenue goes to purchasing food and medicine.

The rest compensates Kuwaitis for losses incurred after Saddam Hussein invaded their country in 1990 and to pay for U.N. efforts to determine whether Baghdad has eliminated its weapons of mass destruction.

"Given the scale of urgent humanitarian requirements in Iraq, the Security Council may wish to re-examine the adequacy of the revenues ... and to consider the possibility of increasing those revenues to meet Iraq's priority humanitarian requirements," Annan wrote.

The U.N. Children's Fund reported last week that about 960,000 Iraqi children under age 5 and one-quarter of Iraqi men and women under the age of 26 suffer from malnutrition.

Annan acknowledged that the program has been fraught with logistical and administrative problems.

Iraq agreed to the program in June 1996, but it took nearly six months for U.N. and Iraqi officials to work out details.

Each contract for delivery of humanitarian goods must be approved by the U.N. Sanctions Committee. Iraq has complained that Washington has held up some contracts for petty errors in paperwork to increase pressure on Saddam's government. U.S. diplomats say they are only trying to make sure the contracts meet the terms of the program and are distributed equitably.

Annan said because of difficulties in shipping goods to a country under a strict economic embargo, supplies often arrive irregularly.

President Clinton had appeared willing to increase the Iraqi oil sales quota but backed off over criticism that he was offering Saddam incentives to cooperate with weapons inspectors.

After the Gulf War, the Security Council decided to maintain economic sanctions until U.N. weapons inspectors certified that Iraq had destroyed all long-range missiles and nuclear, chemical and biological weaponry.

Problems arose last month over U.N. inspections of Iraqi sites and the expulsion of American weapons inspectors from Iraq. The inspectors later were allowed to return.

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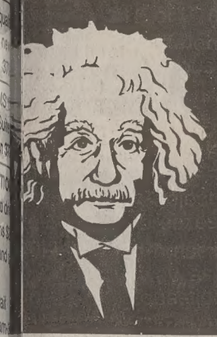

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High-tech fields produce high yields

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A generation or two ago, a farmer like Gary Wagner might have consulted his almanac for the phase of the moon before planting his Minnesota wheat crop. Monday, Wagner used infrared satellite images and a laptop computer.

A satellite photo shows Wagner the progress of his wheat crop. He plugs the data into a computer program that combines it with other information such as historic yields, soil moisture and the land's slope.

A global positioning system receiver on his tractor uses other satellites to determine his precise location in the field.

This emerging technology, known collectively as precision agriculture, uses satellites, computers, lasers, ground-based monitors and yield counters to bring the latest science to the ancient art of farming.

As he drives the tractor across his 4,000-acre Red River Valley farm, Wagner's computerized system automatically spreads fertilizer in the exact amounts needed for the crop.

"We're probably using the same amounts, but we're applying fertilizer where it's needed, not just a blanket application," Wagner said.

He gets better yields of wheat, barley, soybeans and sugar beets. The environment is protected because less fertilizer is wasted or leaches into wells and rivers. Ultimately, Wagner's profits rise.

In Wyoming's Bighorn Mountains, satellites analyze light reflected from Earth to help rancher Jim Foreman determine when range grass contains the most nutrients for his cattle.

If the grass is more nutritious, Foreman buys less hay for winter.

"It helps in moving the cattle around. The better grasses, the better weight gain," Foreman said. "The better condition they're in, the better they can withstand weather or disease."

Although agriculture has used aerial and satellite photography for years, for the most part its large-scale level of detail has only been useful for big farmers in limited ways.

Some farmers now use data from 24 satellites that were originally developed for the Pentagon.

Next year, NASA will launch two satellites that can analyze parcels of land about 1 yard in length.

Only about 10 percent of America's 1.9 million farmers have computers. The high costs of investing in new equipment are a major impediment.

A National Research Council study found that raw satellite imagery can cost $80,000 a season but that once processed for specific fields, it can be sold for about $8 an acre.

In California's wine-rich Napa Valley, NASA has been working with Robert Mondavi Vineyards and a new technology company called Terra Spase on practical ways to use digital aerial photography that can detect various bands of the light spectrum reflected by plants from 14,000 feet up.

In one project known as CRUSH, these light bands are analyzed to detect the vigor of chardonnay and pinot noir vines through the thickness of the leaf canopy. The canopy's health helps Mondavi evaluate whether the grapes are mature enough to pick and what their acid levels will be.

In the old days, when there were more farmers and smaller farms, it was easier to know each piece of ground intimately. Farmers kept knowledge in their heads about areas that needed more irrigation and where to cut back on fertilizer.

Wagner said that when his father died it took 15 years to figure out some of those things on his large spread. With the new technology, he said, it is available at one's fingertips.

"The next generation isn't going to have to start at ground zero again," Wagner said. "It is difficult. It is expensive. On the other hand, I compare it a lot to a college education. The more you understand of your occupation, the better job you can do."

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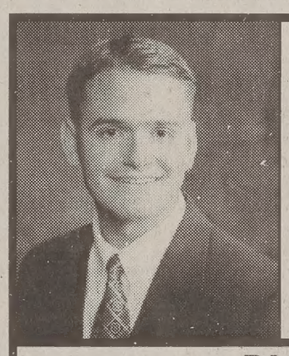

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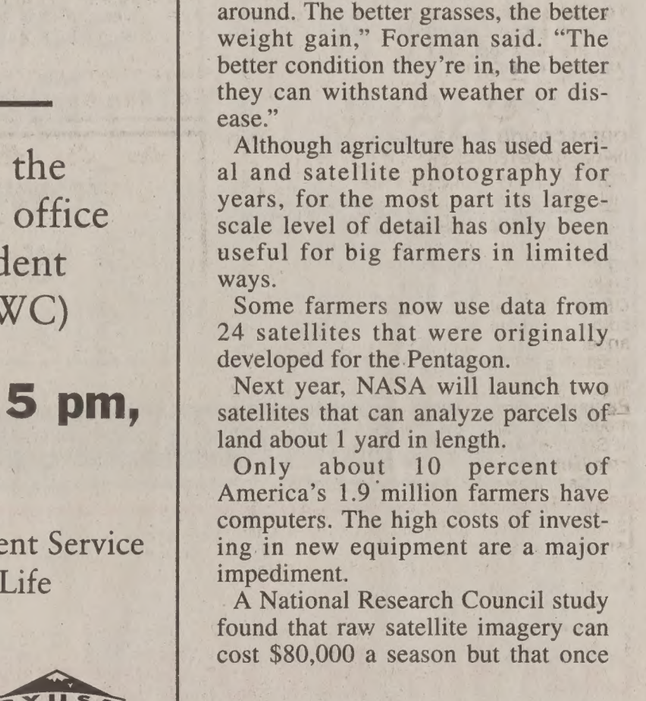

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41 Start of many naval vessel names
42 Subject to breezes
43 Phrase in a new way, as a question
46 Throw hard
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49 Salespeople, informally
50 Sheepish reply
53 Pompous types
57 Deep laugh
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61 Nondairy topping
62 Get-go
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64 Something to do
65 Uproots?
66 Campus figure

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11 Favorable life insurance category
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13 Detectives, for short
21 Used binoculars, maybe
22 To the —— degree
26 Where "e'en" is seen
27 Heaven
28 Long ——
29 Full house sign
30 Beloved comic's nickname
31 White heron
32 Small sharks
33 Cries of pain
36 "Tasty!"
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38 Draconian
39 Van Gogh's "Irises," e.g.
40 Hesitant sounds
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47 Unexpected wins
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U.S. government unprepared, report says

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The American government is not preparing adequately for the most likely security threats of the early 21st century, including "information attacks" at home and urban warfare abroad, a panel said in a report Monday to Defense Secretary William Cohen.

The National Defense Panel, created by Congress to provide a long-range assessment of U.S. defense needs, concluded that the Pentagon and other elements of the national security establishment are stuck in a Cold War mindset.

"Unless we are willing to pursue a new course, we are likely to have forces that are ill-suited to protect our security 20 years in the future," the nine-member committee concluded.

In a letter to Cohen accompanying the report, panel chairman Philip Odeen credited the Pentagon with taking first steps to adapt to the post-Cold War era.

"It is our view that the pace of this change must be accelerated," Odeen wrote.

In response, Cohen issued a statement praising the work of the Odeen panel.

"The NDP paints a compelling and, I believe, accurate picture of a future in which terrorism, information operations, and weapons of mass destruction play a more prominent role, even posing direct threats to the U.S. homeland," Cohen said.

He said he was particularly pleased that the panel endorsed his call for Congress to authorize two more rounds of base closings.

Cohen also said Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre will head an oversight board to regularly assess the Pentagon's progress in adapting to the future.

In its 94-page report the panel cited these emerging threats to American security:

• Attacks on U.S. commercial and defense computer and telecommunications systems as a means of undermining the economy and disrupting military operations abroad. The Pentagon needs to improve its information security.

• The use of satellites in space by hostile nations or groups to target U.S. forces abroad. The Pentagon needs to better protect U.S. satellites from interference, and it m[illegible] op the means to deny others the use o[illegible]

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Jury finds former chief of staff guilty on three separate counts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy's one-time chief of staff was convicted Monday of lying to investigators about receiving $22,000 from Mississippi associates who had dealings with the agency.

The former aide, Ronald H. Blackley, was convicted of three separate counts and could be sentenced to a maximum of five years in prison and fined $250,000 on each. Sentencing was set for Feb. 12.

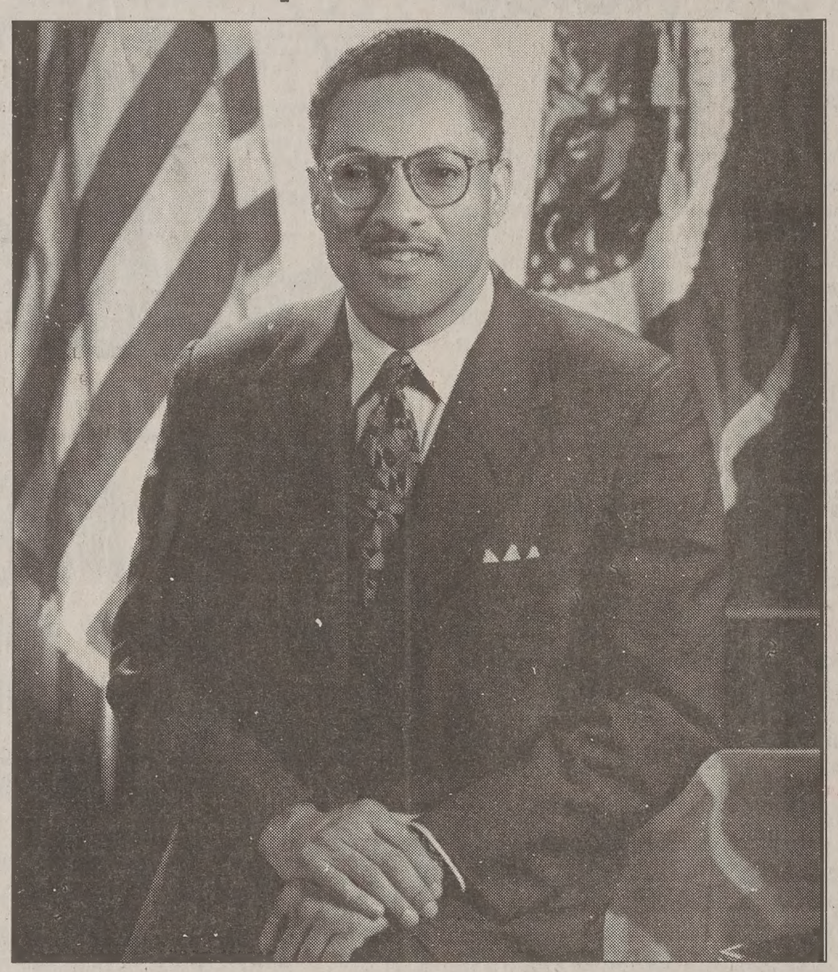
A federal jury found that Blackley failed to disclose payments from two former business associates on his government financial disclosure forms and then lied about it to a succession of federal investigators. In addition, the jury found that Blackley lied about receiving any nongovernment income while he was Espy's chief of staff.

"Blackley not only accepted things of value from businesses his agency regulated, he lied on at least four separate occasions," asserted Donald C. Smaltz, the independent counsel investigating Espy whose office also prosecuted Blackley.

According to Smaltz, Blackley did not sever all his business ties as he claimed in 1993 when he joined Espy at the department. Two clients, Charles Fuller and Charles "Buddy" Cochran, gave Blackley more than $22,000 combined that he failed to report on his 1993 financial disclosure form as required, Smaltz charged.

Cochran received $284,000 and Fuller $63,000 in Agriculture Department subsidies that year, Smaltz said. Neither was charged in the case.

Smaltz said Blackley's activity makes it appear that government works hardest for "those who are cozy with the regulators or to those who are willing to purchase it."



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Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy in a recent photograph. Espy is under investigation for illegally accepting gifts from people doing business with his department. His former chief of staff was convicted on three separate counts Monday.

A few months before Espy resigned in December 1994, Blackley was relieved as chief of staff and quietly left the department. He has been on administrative leave from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Espy himself is scheduled to go on trial early next year on charges of accepting $35,000 in sports tickets, travel and lodging from companies regulated by the Agriculture Department.

14-year-old opens fire in Kentucky high school; 2 students die, 1 student in critical condition

Associated Press

WEST PADUCAH, Ky. — A 14-year-old boy who warned last week that "something big's going to happen" inserted earplugs, drew a gun and shot eight students who just ended a prayer meeting in a high school lobby Monday.

Two girls were killed and a third was in critical condition.

The boy, who had three spare clips of ammunition and four other guns, surrendered when Ben Strong — a pastor's son and leader of the prayer circle — grabbed the teen after he stopped shooting.

Afterward, the boy told Heath High School Principal Bill Bond, "I'm sorry."

"He acted just like he had been caught with some minor offense," Bond said.

"Really, the main question is, 'why,'" Sheriff Frank Augustus said. "And I'm taking it that the question is not going to get answered. He himself will have to answer that, and he says he doesn't know why."

The teen, who was not identified because of his age, carried into school a .22-caliber handgun with three spare clips of ammunition, two rifles and two shotguns. He wrapped the rifles and shotguns in blankets and told curious classmates they were props for a science project.

"Only the first three shots could have been aimed," Bond said. "After that, it was just as fast as he could pull the trigger. It was just random shooting."

A 15-year-old girl died at a hospital about 45 minutes later. Jessica James, 17, died in surgery. Five other students were admitted to hospitals, one girl in critical condition. An eighth wounded student was treated.

"I ran up to him and I just kind of pushed him against the wall," said Strong, who was warned by the gunman not to be in the lobby Monday. "And he was, like, `I can't believe I'd do this' because he shot one of his friends who was just a few feet away."

After the shooting, blood was spattered through the lobby of the 600-student school, and the victims' books and clothing were strewn about.

The student was charged as a juvenile with murder, attempted murder and burglary. The prosecutor will seek to have him charged as an adult.

The principal described him as a "very intelligent young man" who had had "some minor problems" but had never been suspended from school.

The sheriff said the teen stole the pistol and at least some of the other guns in a burglary Thanksgiving Day. The owner of the guns didn't realize they were missing until deputies contacted him after the shootings.

The principal credited Strong with preventing more bloodshed.

"He didn't run. He just stood and talked to him," Bond said. "He's the one who told him to stop, stop. He's the one who had the courage."

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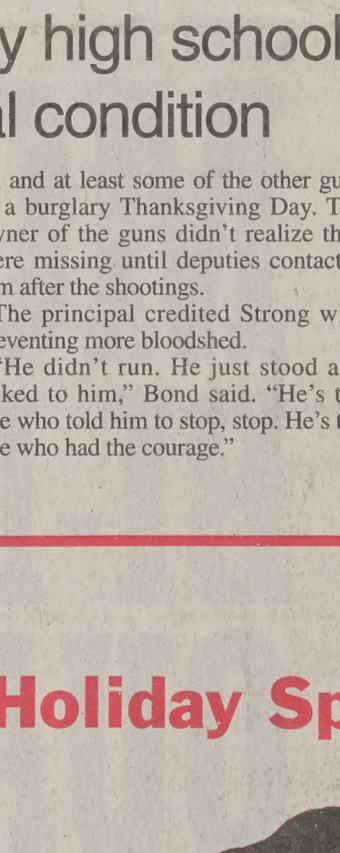

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